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## Opposing ends of NEPA process show common struggle for Guam and CNMI

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The U.S. Department of Navy released on Saturday a Record of Decision approving the relocation of thousands of U.S. Marines to Guam from Japan, moving forward with plans that the administration of Gov. Eloy S. Inos believes are a scaled-back version of an original project, refined largely by the concerns of the people of Guam.

Administration officials are hopeful that the impact review for U.S. military live-fire projects in the CNMI will be as thorough. Impact review for the

Guam buildup project took over five years under the National Environmental Policy Act, and drew a lawsuit and political  
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### 4 WEEKS AFTER SOUDELOR

## Only 181 remain at shelters

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Four weeks after Typhoon Soudelor devastated Saipan, only 181 individuals remain housed at the three remaining shelters on the island.

Ricky Beset, 30, currently stays at the Kagman Community Center with his wife, Kale, 30, and their two children—a 9-month-old baby and a 3-year-old.

Although he has already received assistance, Beset said he and his family chose to stay at the shelter.

“We received assistance from Federal Emergency Management Assistance. They gave us tents and other kits,” Beset said, adding that a FEMA inspector has already checked their home in Tanapag.

However, with two young children, including a baby, the uncertain weather condition, and mosquitoes everywhere

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## Hasselback quits as OPA counsel

» **Hasselback prosecuted Fitial, Buckingham, others on corruption charges**

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Attorney George L. Hasselback has resigned as Office of the Public Auditor legal counsel effective last Friday, *Saipan Tribune* learned yesterday from a source.

When contacted for comment, Hasselback confirmed that he has resigned from the position that he held for a little over three years.

“I left. I’m working for the law office of F. Matthew Smith. I was offered a position here. I accepted it. There is no reason why I left OPA other than that,” he said.

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Hasselback

## Long-term recovery group named ‘CNMI Care’

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The group that will be focusing on long-term recovery efforts on Saipan after Typhoon Soudelor has been named “CNMI Care: Commonwealth Advocates for Recovery Efforts.”

Various non-government, non-profit, faith-based organizations and foundations as well as private companies approved the name at a meeting yesterday at the Office of the Governor’s conference room.

CNMI Care’s mission statement states: “Our mission is to build a resilient community and to identify, facilitate, and deliver

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A month after Typhoon Soudelor’s devastation on Saipan, various groups focusing on long-term recovery efforts have come together and named themselves “CNMI Care: Commonwealth Advocates for Recovery Efforts.”

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# Local

## Financial effects of twin disasters still under review

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The two recent disasters that gripped the CNMI are expected to affect the government's projected budget, but the impact in dollar terms has yet to be determined.

In early July, a breakage in a submarine cable effectively disconnected Saipan from the rest of the world, affecting mobile communications and Internet infrastructure throughout the island.

Local businesses relying heavily on online payments and ordering suffered, as well as numerous companies that use the Internet for their operations.

A state of significant disaster was eventually declared for Saipan.

On Aug. 2, Typhoon Soudelor slammed into Saipan as a "super typhoon," leaving widespread damage. President Barack Obama declared a state of emergency for the CNMI on Aug. 6.

Until today, a month after Soudelor, recovery efforts and relief opera-

tions continue.

### Review

House Speaker Joseph P. DeLeon Guerrero (Ind-Saipan) said the CNMI Office of Management and Budget and the Department of Finance will be reviewing the cash flow of the government in the aftermath of the disaster.

A budget of \$145 million is being proposed for the CNMI government for fiscal year 2016. It is yet to be ratified by the Legislature.

Most lawmakers are saying that the disaster will indeed impact the budget projection.

In light of this impact, DeLeon Guerrero said Gov. Eloy S. Inos has "tools" to prevent "over-expenditure."

DeLeon Guerrero said if the budget projections do not meet the \$145 million by a certain percentage by the end of September, the governor has the authority to cut down allotments for the CNMI departments.

"If it exceeds or does not meet the projections by 3 percent, the governor can use this authority," he said.

DeLeon Guerrero said the financial impacts have yet to be determined because information such as how many businesses have been affected, for how long, and at what costs, remain unknown.

"We do not know yet. But there are protection built in to our law," he said. "That is how you manage the money coming in."

## CHCC seeks volunteers for medical corps

With the Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. ratcheting up efforts to reach out to the community, it is seeking volunteers that will help in the ongoing disaster recovery efforts.

"They are welcome and it will be a good experience for them," said CHCC chief executive officer Esther Muña.

All volunteers are welcome to apply and can contact CHCC at 234-8950.

As part of CHCC's Flu-Watch Campaign, Public Health and Hospital Emergency Preparedness Program director Warren Villagomez said they will be conducting several outreach activities and volunteers would be welcome.

"We have reached out to the community already to get them self-checked and also to take preventive measures due to influenza symptoms increasing. We have reached out to those organizations that are going into the community and have made them join in as part of our Medical Corps group that would provide assistance in places where they go," Villagomez said.

So far, five have volunteered with CHCC's Medical Reserve Corps and they currently are helping out by distributing goods.

One of the groups that joined CHCC in an effort to reach out is the Community Outreach Recovery Effort group.

"So far we have five members in the medical group and it is growing. We do go directly to the people. We were once with United 4 Saipan but separated and made ourselves the C.O.R.E group," said Patricia Kaipat, one of the C.O.R.E. members.

"It's not only food and water. Many are also sick. Those that have never had asthma or allergic reactions have started to have it. CHCC found out what we were doing so they asked us to meet and we became Medical Reserve Corps and started last Friday," she said.

"When we do the visit and we find someone who has health needs, we contact CHCC right away," she added. (Jayson Camacho)

## Red Cross going out to villages to do case work

By **FRAULEINE S. VILLANUEVA**  
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REPORTER

Exactly a month after the devastation of Typhoon Soudelor on Saipan, there are still people who are suffering and have yet to receive help from various agencies.

"Things are getting better for everyone in the island," American Red Cross-CNMI chapter executive director John Hirsh said. "But I do think that there are a lot of people still suffering."

The ARC has received over 9,000 calls from households seeking assistance and they continue with their casework.

According to Hirsh, they were able to meet the needs of over 5,000 of those who called their office but the rest are still to be assessed.

For some days now, the Red Cross

is doing fieldwork on the cases that they are handling. Instead of interviewing heads of households in their chapter office on Airport Road, they have been going to meet people in their homes.

"What we're doing is we're calling everyone up and saying we're going to be at your home," Hirsh said.

"Instead of interviewing them at the chapter, we're going out in their homes and interviewing them there. We're doing kind of what we call casework and outreach," he added.

ARC is working on about 200 cases every day. Hirsh said they have about 10 teams who are going out to talk to people who need help.

He noted that there weren't a lot of cases where the Red Cross goes to a home and nobody is there.

"We have to also figure that there

might be duplicates, people calling back for help," Hirsh said.

Asked about the differences in the items that they are giving away, Hirsh said there are times when they have more to give out and times where in they have the basic needs.

"As our shipments come in from the mainland, sometimes it goes up and down a little bit. Like maybe for two days we'll have T-shirts, we're going to give out the T-shirts. Then we'll get some buckets, and all of a sudden we have buckets for a week. So it's possible that some of the extra items have changed."

Despite this, Hirsh said they are consistent with much needed supplies such as toilet supplies, hygiene kits, rice, canned food, and ramen.

Hirsh said more supplies such as tarps and buckets are coming in.

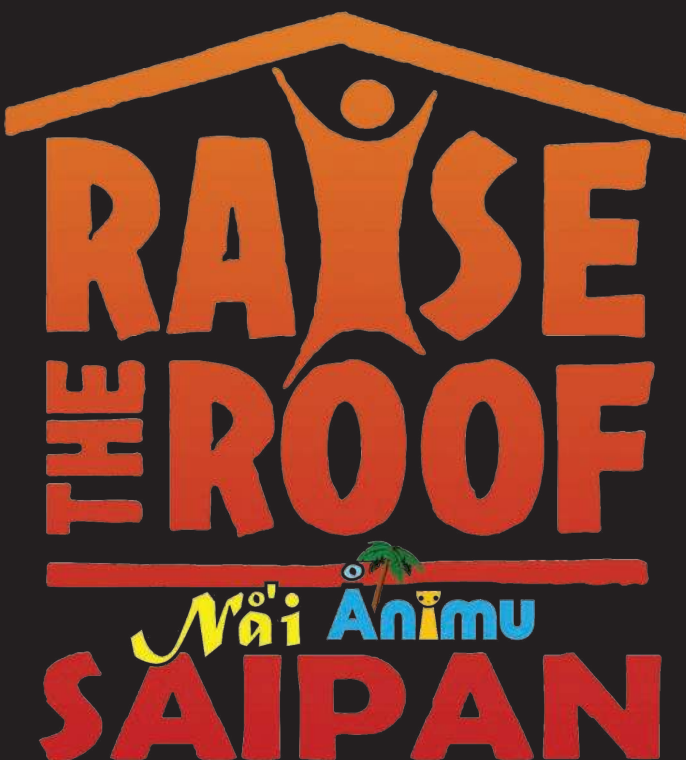
"We have six 40-foot containers that just arrived this week," Hirsh said.



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# Expert psychiatrist for Mathewson still being sought

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Superior Court Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho urged the Office of the Public Defender yesterday to keep looking for an expert psychiatrist who can examine William Kapono Mathewson, a 36-year-old man charged with beating and stabbing Dr. Francois Claassens with a fishing spear in the neck.

Chief Public Defender Doug-

las Hartig and assistant public defender Michael Sato, counsels for Mathewson, updated the court yesterday on the status of their search for an expert psychiatrist.

Camacho later set a status conference for Oct. 28, 2015, and ordered all parties to appear at the next hearing.

Chief Prosecutor Leonardo Rapadas and assistant attorney general Barbara Cepeda appeared for the government at

the hearing.

Mathewson's case has become stalled because he has yet to be examined by a psychiatrist.

This is the second time that Camacho put off the status conference after learning that Mathewson has yet to be subjected to mental evaluation.

In July, Hartig and Sato told the court that the Hawaii psychiatrist that they are contacting is still awaiting payment for services in three or four previous cases.

The lawyers said the other option is to allow the psychiatrist to conduct the initial evaluation through Skype to save costs for the government.

At that time, Skype was not possible due to an Internet outage that crippled communications systems in the CNMI.

Camacho explained that the court can only appoint a psychiatrist but the payment

should come from the Department of Finance.

It was in April when Camacho granted Sato's request to appoint a psychiatrist who will examine Mathewson, capping the expense at \$1,500.

Sato had disclosed that Mathewson will rely upon the defense of insanity at the time when he committed the alleged crime.

Mathewson, a farmer/fish-

erman, allegedly stabbed the 60-year-old Claassens in the neck with a fishing spear and clubbed him on the head with a big pot and chain.

The brutal attack happened in the backyard of the doctor's house in Teneto Village on Rota last April 4. Mathewson's house is near the doctor's residence.

Claassens has since recovered from his injuries.

## Lawmakers pass 'drug court' bill

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REPORTER

The House of Representatives has passed a bill that would establish a drug court in the CNMI.

Legislators unanimously passed House Bill 19-94 last week on first and final reading. It has been transmitted to the Senate and, if approved, will go to Gov. Eloy S. Inos for signing.

The proposed legislation seeks to establish the drug court "within the Commonwealth Superior Court," which will inform the Legislature of the funding needed to set up the drug court.

The bill was introduced by House Speaker Joseph P. Deleon Guerrero (Ind-Saipan).

The "drug court" is different from a "regular" court because it will have "specialized" personnel handling drug cases.

According to Rep. Joseph Lee Pan Guerrero (R-Saipan), the drug court will have a psychologist and treatment provider, among others, who are equipped with the necessary specialties to handle drug cases.

Guerrero, a former CNMI chief of Parole, said the drug court is an integral part of fighting drugs.

"The drug court can recommend different treatments. The court can recommend a diversion program, instead of incarceration," he said.

He said the psychologist and treatment provider will assist the drug user to complete a prescribed program recommended by the court. And if the offender fails to complete the program, it is only then that incarceration becomes an option.

### 'War on ice'

The bill was proposed to battle

the proliferation of drug cases in the CNMI, in particular methamphetamine or "ice," which lawmakers said has affected an alarming number of families and communities.

Rep. Antonio Sablan (Ind-Saipan) earlier said a majority of crimes committed are directly or indirectly related to "ice."

In July, CNMI law enforcement agencies conducted a successful drug bust, and in the process confiscated about 12 kilos of "ice" valued at \$4.3 million.

Sen. Sixto Igisomar (R-Saipan) has earlier initiated a campaign against the illegal drug, while Rep. Edwin K. Propst (Ind-Saipan) introduced legislation against peddlers.

Propst's proposed legislation seeks the forfeiture of the assets of convicted drug peddlers. (Joel Pinaroc)

## Intoxicated man allegedly punches wife

An intoxicated man allegedly punched the face of his wife twice in front of their two children and threatened to kill her while they were inside a car in Papago last Sunday night.

The victim told police that she was so scared of Derek Sablan Palacios that she tried to jump out of the car.

Palacios was taken to Superior Court yesterday for a bail hearing on charges of assault and battery-domestic violence, and disturbing the peace. His bail was set at \$2,000 cash.

Assistant attorney general Barbara Cepeda appeared for the government. Assistant public defender Mathew Meyer served as counsel for the defendant.

Police detective Therese S. Kintoki stated in her report that the Department of Public Safety received a call on Sunday night about a domestic violence incident near Botanical Garden.

Responding police officer Raymond Pangelinan was traveling along Isa Drive near Tangantangan Drive in Papago when several bystanders flagged him down at 7:26pm.

The bystanders directed him to the victim, who was with her two children. Another bystander also pointed in the direction of the bus stop, where Palacios was sitting.

The victim told police that Palacios had been drinking since that morning and punched her twice on the head inside their vehicle.

Palacios was then arrested. (Ferdie de la Torre)

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pushback by public groups concerned with the siting of the ancient Chamorro village of Pagat as a firing range.

Administration officials have also noted that the same attorneys involved with the Guam groups that sued the U.S. Department of Defense in 2010 are the same attorneys reviewing the live-fire project in the CNMI.

For the CNMI live-fire project, this firm—called Dentons US LLC—has called impact documents for the CNMI's live-fire projects “so inadequate as to preclude meaningful review.

In a statement to *Saipan Tribune*, the administration said with the release of the Record of Decision, they are pleased to learn that U.S. military officials and planners responsible for the Guam project listened to the people of Guam, and in particular “to the concerns they raised about the size and potential impacts that the buildup activities would have on that island.”

“DoD appropriately—in our opinion—revised and scaled back what the Department of Defense planned to do on Guam,” the administration said.

“We likewise trust that when the military officials and planners for the CJMT Project on Tinian and Pagan learn of the concerns the Northern Mariana Island citizens and residents have related to that project, they will also adjust and accordingly revise their plans,” the administration said.

For the Guam project, the Navy says their final decision

details a “significantly decreased footprint and a significant decrease in the potential strain on Guam’s infrastructure.”

It lowered the number of people relocating from Japan to Guam from 8,600 Marines and 9,000 dependents to 5,000 Marines and 1,300 dependents.

Rather than seven years of intense construction boom, the final plans provide 13 years for moderate construction, the Navy says.

Notably, their live-fire range complex acreage is reduced from 5,529 to 3,957. The complex is also no longer sited on public land, as it was in 2010.

## No victories

While Guam on Saturday saw the end of years of formal review, the CNMI is near the beginning of this process, having not yet concluded the first round of public comment for the military’s plans.

Leevin Camacho, Guam attorney and activist involved with the Pagat lawsuit, said that by using NEPA process, the Guam community “helped inform the decision making.”

But Camacho said it would be hard to use the word “victory” for this work.

“This is where it turns from the legal advocacy to the social/political,” he said, in an interview with *Saipan Tribune*.

Guam politicians have said that at the heart of the Guam buildup are jobs through construction projects lined up for the influx of service members from Japan.

Camacho believes that when the buildup does begin, the people should look back to who the

decision makers were and hold Defense and Guam politicians accountable for these promised benefits and proposed mitigation plans outlined in their final decision.

NEPA has run its course and a decision has been made but, with 8,000 pages of technical documents, Camacho said “we are still in execution phase.”

## Parallels

Camacho also pointed to “a parallel to what’s going on in to the CNMI,” noting data omissions that the Navy failed to address in both the CNMI and Guam project.

The Department of Navy—after the 2010 lawsuit—issued a decision that they would conduct a “supplemental” environmental impact statement. This review eventually led to an analysis of a broader range of alternatives for the Guam live-firing range. Before this, Pagat was the Navy’s only option.

Camacho noted that the methods the Navy provided in the supplemental review existed before the supplemental review came out.

He was referring to the “probabilistic methodology” cited as a reason for the reconsideration of Pagat as a firing range.

In their Record of Decision, the Navy said they applied a “probabilistic methodology to more precisely model the size of their ‘surface danger zone’ associated with a planned machine gun range.

The Navy said application of this “probabilistic methodology” reduced the size of their overall footprint and enabled them to reevaluate potential

locations in Guam, “including locations previously considered but not carried forward for detailed analysis.”

Camacho says, though, that such a methodology and data existed even before the supplemental EIS.

“They just elected not to use that method that time around,” Camacho said.

When asked if the Pagat lawsuit prompted this, Camacho said, “Absolutely.”

“Until the lawsuit, there were no alternatives outside of Pagat,” he said. The Navy has not admitted this, though, electing not to mention the lawsuit in ROD’s summary of alternatives and its review history.

The failure to consider alternatives has been a well-lamented part of the CNMI project also.

Dentons has noted, among other reasons, that the Navy fails to explore “all” reasonable training alternatives in the CNMI project, noting that the use of ranges in Australia and the Philippines should be considered, for example.

Dentons—in their summary findings on “the legal adequacy” of the CNMI EIS—said that the Navy’s failure to consider training alternatives outside the CNMI is “not an isolated instance of non-compliance.”

“The [CNMI Joint Military Project] is the fifth major military training project proposed for the CNMI in recent years,” Dentons said, referring to, among others, the U.S. Air Force’s proposed divert airfield project, the U.S. Navy’s expansive bombing and sonar training projects, which were approved

last month, and the Guam build-up EIS, which has previously included live-fire ranges on Tinian as part of its scope.

“Each of the five projects has involved the preparation of an EIS,” Dentons said. “None of the five EIS fully evaluates any alternatives located outside the CNMI. Based on the documents we have reviewed to date, it appears the Navy has consistently singled out

the CNMI for inappropriate treatment under NEPA.”

“We find the [CJMT’s] failure to fully evaluate any alternatives located outside the CNMI to be the most egregious of the document’s many shortcomings. This fundamental flaw contaminates the remainder of the [impact statement], rendering the entire document inadequate,” Dentons said.

## OBITUARY

## Jerry Ben McVicar, 71

Jerry Ben McVicar of Saipan passed away on Saturday, Aug. 29, 2015, at the age of 71 in Guam. Public Viewing will

be held today, Sept. 1, 2015, at Ada’s Mortuary in Sinajana from 11am to 1pm. Cremation will follow after. (PR)

## SHELTERS

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they decided to stay at the shelter.

“I decided that’s was best for my family,” he said.

Assistance from FEMA and Department of Community and Cultural Affairs’ Nutrition Assistance Program has helped them out but he is still beset with worries about his family’s future and he misses home.

“It was really bad. Our home is gone. We were there at the time the typhoon hit us and we ran for cover in our bedroom. After that we got transferred to the Tanapag Middle School shelter and then here [KCC],” he said.

According to a DCCA staff at KCC, there are about nine families totaling 41 individuals who remain at the shelter.

The two other shelters that remain open—the Arts Council on Capital Hill and the Office on Aging in Chinatown—still house 39 and 101, respectively, for a total of 181 people.

## FEMA assistance

Michael Kern, voluntary agency liaison for FEMA Region 9 Pacific Area Office, said that the numbers he got were 182 from the CNMI Department of Homeland Security. However, DCCA has confirmed that as of late afternoon yesterday, the head count went down to 181.

“Homeland Security went to the shelters and asked shelterees if they needed a place to stay or, if they were provided a tent would they go home. They did provide tents to those families in the shelters,” Kern said.

“They then went out into the community and started collecting referrals from all the non-profit organizations as they encountered disaster survivors if they wanted to stay on their property and if they needed tents. With the Community Emergency Response Team or CERT and supplemented by non-profit volunteers the tents were being distributed,” he added.

Kern noted that American Red Cross-NMI Chapter along with FEMA’s disaster survivor assistance staff members have

been going to the shelters to assist families and individuals who remain there.

“They are trying to address these issues and making sure they get referred to agencies for further assistance,” he said.

## Red Cross at shelters

Although the shelters are not being provided food, water and power is available.

ARC executive director John Hirsh said that they are providing assistance by sending out ARC staff to talk to those who remain in the shelters.

“We kind of have a small shelter task force and we’re working with FEMA and included our disaster mental health workers and health services workers that would go to the shelter and sit down with a family and interview them,” Hirsh said.

“They talk about what the emergency needs are, why are they still in the shelter, and what kind of support the government and other agencies can give to them to enable them to go back to their homes,” he added.

Hirsh noted that ARC and FEMA are identifying what solutions can be given to those with special requirements like those needing power for their medical needs and health.

“We’re looking at solutions if we can give them a small generator, see if the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. can go to their house and connect them, and case by case because no one wants to be staying in the shelters,” he said.

Initially ARC had a two-week agreement to feed those in the shelters three meals a day. The group already gave out a total of 19,000 meals to those staying in shelters.

“What happened was when Homeland Security and FEMA were here, we asked if we should continue feeding and everyone met and decided that they would stop feeding because NAP was out and FEMA assistance were already being given,” he said.

“What we discovered was that there were 12 families in the shelters that didn’t have NAP assistance and so we delivered a week of groceries to each of these families,” he added.

## OPA

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Smith recently passed away.

Hasselback said he has been discussing this with both the law firm and the OPA management for quite some time now.

Hasselback started work as OPA legal counsel in February 2012. His contract was supposed to expire in February 2016. His last day was last Friday, but he went on administrative leave after Typhoon Soudelor.

“I am extremely proud of everything that we accomplished in OPA in the over three years that I worked there,” he said.

Hasselback said the investigators, support staff, Public Auditor Mike Pai, and everyone in that office “deserve the highest compliments that we can give them.”

He said OPA did quite a lot of good work.

“I don’t regret any of the work that we did. I think that we did a very good job during that time,” the lawyer said.

Hasselback was designated as special prosecutor in the criminal cases against former governor Benigno R. Fitial, former attorney general Edward Buckingham, and co-defendants.

Fitial subsequently pleaded guilty, while Buckingham was convicted.

He said it’s certainly the case that got the most public attention but they did a lot of other things at OPA.

He emphasized that his change in job has nothing to do with any dissatisfaction with his

job at OPA.

“I enjoyed that job. If I had to do all over again, I would certainly do it the same way,” he said.

Hasselback said his departure from OPA is no reflection upon anybody in that office or anything that is happening with their practice.

“This is just simply an opportunity that I thought was a good one for me to develop myself as an attorney,” he added. “This is a resignation to take another position.”

Foundation.

“That’s going to go toward helping with purchasing auxiliary items,” he added.

Sablan said that, through the committee, the funds that they will raise will be properly channeled.

CNMI Care is also working on establishing officers and is discussing having an executive board.

Willis will facilitate the group while it doesn’t have leaders yet, but she expressed that she won’t be leading the group herself.

“There are so many people that are involved in so many activities and they know disaster from the very beginning,” Willis said.

such as each groups’ description of disaster services, number of volunteers, total volunteer hours and donated items.

The group also created committees for communications and resource development, donations and volunteer management, workforce recovery and construction management, spiritual and emotional care, and disaster case management.

“Each group, they’re coming up with committee chairs and in a couple weeks we’ll meet again and have a report,” Willis said.

Among those who joined the donations and volunteer management are United-4Saipan, Empty Vessel Minis-

try, and Best Sunshine International, Ltd. The American Red Cross and Karidat are among those who joined the disaster case management, while Tan Holdings will be under the workforce recovery and construction management.

“That’s what really what the Red Cross focuses on, case management,” said John Hirsh, Red Cross-NMI chapter executive director. “We meet with this client, each head of household, we talk about what type of damage they have, how many they are in the family.”

Tan Holdings vice president Alex Sablan said the corporation is helping to generate a fundraising effort through TSL

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resources and long-term support to address the unmet needs of individuals and families impacted by disaster.”

“We’re doing extremely well, we’ve got a great team going,” interim facilitator Gerri Willis said.

Matthew Deleon Guerrero, chief of staff of Lt. Gov. Ralph DLG Torres, and Michael Kern, Federal Emergency Management Agency-Pacific Area Office voluntary agency liaison, were also at the meeting.

Kern talked about collating the data from organizations

# CUC: Primary lines projected to be online by end of Sept.

All of the primary lines on each of Saipan's eight feeders are projected to be online by the end of September and the majority of Saipan should be online by the end of October, according to the latest update from the Commonwealth Utilities Corp.

In a statement yesterday, it said that customers near the primary lines will be among the first to receive power while restoration will take longer for customers living farther from the primary lines and those with more damage.

Primary power generation has now migrated from Power Plant 4 in Puerto Rico to Power Plant 1 in Lower Base as the restoration of Saipan's main production facility continues.

Power Plant 1 currently produces 10MW of electricity, with an additional 15MW ready to use. Restoration of the consoles and generators continues, which will lead to additional generation capability in the near future.

Power Plant 4, meanwhile, is currently able to produce 6.1MW of electricity but it is standing in reserve.

The islandwide recovery efforts are carried out by an international team dedicated to the restoration of Saipan's generation, transmission and distribution capabilities. CUC Saipan linemen are supported by their peers from Rota, Tinian, Rhode Island, Palau, Yap,

Pohnpei, Kosrae, and Guam.

## Distribution

CUC and its partners from the Guam Power Authority, Yap Utilities, Palau, Kosrae, and Pohnpei have erected power poles in Garapan, Puerto Rico, Chalan Kiya, Lower Base, Navy Hill, As Lito, San Vicente, Chalan Laulau, Kagman, Capital Hill, Oleai, Dandan, and the vicinity of the airport. We anticipate energizing the underground cable from Power Plant 1 to the Chalan Kiya Substation mid-week, which will lead to the reconnection of the Saipan International Airport and vast water production resources to island power.

## Transformer recovery

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has taken on the responsibility of recovering and disposing of damaged transformers. As of 2pm, Aug. 31, the CUC/EPA Transformer Team collected a total of 297 downed transformers.

## Water

CUC now provides limited water service to nearly every village on Saipan. As our ability to provide power to the island increases, our ability to energize wells will increase water production.

Until CUC is able to energize each of Saipan's 150 wells, the

Water Division is working to deliver islandwide water service, albeit in a limited capacity, using a network of generators from the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

CUC was able to serve all of Gualo Rai, albeit briefly, as FEMA generators were installed at the previously unreachable GR4 and GR5 wells. The service from the wells was halted when what appeared to be cosmetic typhoon-related damage to the fiberglass tank was exacerbated by the introduction of water pressure.

CUC crews worked to apply a temporary repair to the site to restore water service to the upper elevations until such time a more permanent solution is implemented. Water is currently being served to most regions of Gualo Rai; however, a schedule will be provided as early as today.

As of yesterday afternoon, testing has begun in As Perdido. Thus far, CUC has been unsuccessful in its attempts to provide water to this village; however, testing will continue until a solution is found.

The Puerto Rico reservoir supplies water for the village of Garapan and thus far, filling the reservoir has posed a challenge. The Puerto Rico wells are online; however, they do not produce enough water to fill the tank alone.

We have brought water down

from Capital Hill, but the pressure of the water is so great that we must exercise extreme caution to prevent the pressure from damaging our lines. Because of this, we are only able to transfer up to five feet of water to Puerto Rico from Capital Hill per day.

Once a more reliable method of filling the Puerto Rico tank becomes available, CUC will be able to provide the village of Garapan with a consistent supply of water.

Given the challenges to water production and distribution posed by Typhoon Soudelor, it is critical for the community to immediately notify CUC of any water leaks. To report water leaks, contact the CUC Customer Call Center at 664-4CUC (4282).

CUC Engineering and Operations personnel continue testing the villages of Upper Chalan

Kiya, Garapan, and As Perdido. As engineers and operations personnel receive results, an established schedule for limited water service will be released.

## Water filling stations

CUC continues to provide up to 100 gallons of water per household per day at filling stations across Saipan. Residential customers may fill their containers in As Teo, Kannat Tabla, and Navy Hill. As of Sept. 2, 2015, each site is open daily from 4pm-7pm.

The water made available at the filling stations is strictly for non-commercial residential use. No water buffaloes will be filled.

As water becomes more readily available throughout the villages, CUC will begin to eliminate our filling stations and deploy our staff to other areas of the water system.

Due to an increase of system-wide water productions and a lack of demand from our business community, CUC has closed the commercial filling station.

CUC has identified a location for the Department of Fire and Emergency Medical Services to escort tanker trucks that will provide water for the emergency shelters. These services are available by appointment only and are for the sole purpose of supplying water to the shelters.

As a precaution, all water provided by CUC will need to be sanitized through the use of chlorine bleach or boiling before it can be used by the community.

For more information, visit our website [www.cucgov.org](http://www.cucgov.org) or contact our 24-Hour Customer Call Center at 664-4CUC (664-4282). (CUC)



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# Non-US citizens claim they've been denied FEMA aid

By DENNIS B. CHAN  
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REPORTER

The Inos administration is looking into public complaints that the Federal Emergency Management Agency is denying individual assistance for Typhoon Soudelor recovery aid to certain people because they are not U.S. citizens or green card holders.

Posts on social media lamenting a purported denial of assis-

tance by FEMA representatives were brought to the attention of the Office of the Lieutenant Governor yesterday.

Complaints ranged from those saying that they were denied assistance because they were not U.S. citizens or green card holders, to others who urged the administration to find out what were the "main requirements for FEMA assistance aside from a fully dam-

aged house?"

In emails between the Lt. Governor's Office and FEMA external affairs team, copies of which were obtained by *Saipan Tribune*, the administration noted that some non-U.S. citizens have been denied FEMA Individual Assistance after registering for aid.

There have been multiple cases in which these people have also received no compen-

sation at all after inspection. Moreover, there was a case in which a FEMA representative said that individual assistance is limited to U.S. citizens only, said Kevin Bautista, special projects coordinator.

In reply, Veronic Verde, FEMA external affairs specialist, provided a press release from Aug. 13 explaining the

FEMA guidelines.

"Those who are not qualified for FEMA assistance due to their citizenship may be eligible for non-exempt assistance such as voluntary agency, local government programs," Verde said.

FEMA earlier said that Typhoon Soudelor survivors including those who are not U.S. citizens may be eligible

for FEMA assistance. The aid may be available to citizens, non-citizen nationals, and qualified aliens.

FEMA says "qualified aliens" include those with legal permanent residence—those with green cards. "Their status will not be jeopardized by requesting disaster assistance," FEMA says.

## Demapan eyes resolution to back National Guard units for the CNMI

Rep. Angel Demapan (R-Saipan) is readying a resolution to support the establishment of National Guard units in the CNMI.

Demapan said he is "pleased by the results of the National Guard Bureau's feasibility study indicating that it is appropriate to establish a National Guard unit in the CNMI."

"As a former Army National Guardsman, I know first hand how important the National Guard's unique role is to respond to natural disasters and civil defense operations within the state or territory," he said.

Now that the bureau's report is complete, Demapan said he is "readying a House resolution to support the findings of the National Guard Bureau and the establishment of a National Guard unit in the CNMI."

Demapan said among the

U.S. territories, only the CNMI and American Samoa do not have National Guard units.

"The result of the bureau's study rises to a greater level of relevance in the wake of the devastation left behind by Typhoon Soudelor. Having a National Guard unit in the CNMI would serve as another major resource for the governor to activate upon the declaration of a state of major disaster," he said.

He added that when a state or territory's National Guard unit is not deployed on federal military orders, the National Guard provides protection of life and property, and preserves peace, order, and public safety.

The missions of the National Guard include providing emergency-relief support during natural disasters, search and rescue operations, and counter-

drug operations among others, he said.

Demapan noted that in 2013, 16 Northern Marianas soldiers were among the more than 600 members of the Guam National Guard that deployed to Afghanistan, becoming the largest group of reserve component troops in history to be deployed from the Marianas.

The National Guard Bureau released the report last week, saying that establishing National Guard units for the Northern Marianas Islands is "feasible."

"With our population of 54,000, the bureau estimated the Northern Marianas could recruit two, company-sized National Guard elements, above and beyond the U.S. Army reservists now on Saipan," said Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (Ind-MP) in announcing the report's release. *(Joel Pinaroc)*



### RED CROSS DONATION

American Red Cross receives a \$500 cash donation from the Northern Marianas Insurance Association in support of the organization's ongoing typhoon relief programs. From left to right: NMIA president Shirley Sablan, ARC member Larry Lee, NMIA vice president Cathy Tenorio, ARC executive director John Hirsh, NMIA director Suzi Perez, and Pacifica Insurance staff member Samantha Sikayun.

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## Commonwealth Utilities Corporation Office of the Executive Director



### REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS CUC-RFP-15-021

#### Typhoon Soudelor Disaster Recovery Project - "Engineering Consultant Services"

The Office of the Executive Director of the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting Expedited Request for Proposals (CUC-RFP-15-021) for *Engineering Consultant Services for conducting Engineering Assessment and Provision of Repair Plans and Procedures for three (3) Power Plant Facilities Projects on Saipan: Power Plant 1, Power Plant 2, and Power Plant 4.*

As this project is time sensitive, with critical effects on the economy, health and life of the island of Saipan's residents and its business community, the CUC reserves the option of:

1. Awarding only one power plant project to a single consulting firm
2. Awarding more than one power plant project to one consultant in order to ensure the various projects are adequately executed both simultaneously and expeditiously.

These options allow the CUC an opportunity to select more than one proposer, if that decision serves the best interest of CUC, at any given time, depending on this RFP's response.

The Scope of Work and Solicitation Package will be emailed upon request, by CUC Procurement & Supply Office from 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 PM (ChST), Monday to Friday, except on government observed holidays, **until September 17, 2015.**

**One (1) original and five (5) copies**, along with an electronic copy of the proposal on a compact disk in PDF format must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked **"(CUC-RFP-15-021) for 'Engineering Consultant Services'"** to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, **no later than September 30, 2015 at 10:00 AM (ChST).** Submissions, in PDF, must also be emailed to the addresses as noted in the RFP. Late submissions and conditional proposals will not be considered. CUC reserves the right to reject any proposal received after the deadline. Proposals shall be evaluated as per the evaluation criteria specified in the RFP. Selection procedure shall be in full compliance with CUC Procurement Regulations.

A **mandatory Pre-proposal Conference** will be conducted at the Power Plant 1 Administration Building in Lower Base, Saipan on **September 10, 2015 at 10:30 AM (ChST).** Immediately after the conference, a Site Visits to Power Plant 1, Power Plant 2, and Power Plant 4 facilities will be arranged. Proposers should familiarize themselves with the site conditions at each facility so all sites can be evaluated properly.

Contract(s) will be awarded to the firm(s) submitting the most responsive proposal(s), and who is/are determined by CUC to be best qualified firm(s) to successfully perform the work, and to meet all other requirements thereof. CUC reserves the rights, nevertheless, to accept a proposal other than the lowest, if it determines that CUC's interest will be best served by doing so, or to reject any and all proposals or parts of proposals received.

Proposers are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the Proposer due to lack of information or understanding of the proposal requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a proposal or supply under the contract.

Discussions may be conducted with responsible proposers for the purpose of clarification and to ensure full understanding of, and responsiveness to solicitation requirements. Proposers shall be accorded fair and equal treatment. There shall be no disclosure of any information derived from proposals submitted by competing proposers. All responses to this RFP should take into account any and all taxes, including excise tax, which will become the obligation of the proposer awarded a contract.

This Request for Proposal does not commit CUC to the award of a contract or contracts, nor to pay any cost incurred in the preparation and submission of proposals in anticipation of a contract. This request and the ensuing contract shall be executed pursuant to the CUC Procurement Regulations. The contractor shall be required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws.

Questions or requests for clarification will be entertained only from pre-registered prospective proposers and must be submitted in writing no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on September 22, 2015** to Manny B. Sablan, CUC Purchasing Officer via email address [manny.sablan@cucgov.org](mailto:manny.sablan@cucgov.org) with a copy to Venugopal Prabhakara, CUC Stipulated Order 2 Project Coordinator via email address [venugopal.prabhakara@cucgov.org](mailto:venugopal.prabhakara@cucgov.org).

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all proposals for any reason and to waive any defects in said proposal, if in its sole opinion, to do so would be in the best interest of CUC. All proposals shall become the property of CUC.

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# Two men arrested for alleged possession of 'ice'

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Police arrested two men for alleged possession of methamphetamine or "ice" while inside a car in the parking lot of a store in San Jose on Monday afternoon.

Juan Tydingco, 39, and Vince Pua, 23, were arrested for illegal possession of a controlled substance.

A third man, Derrick Kaipat Rangamar, 26, was arrested but later released after he was issued a traffic citation for having no driver's license.



Tydingco



Pua

commander Jeffrey F. Olopai and two other detectives responded to the parking lot of Friendly Market in San Jose after 911 dispatch received an anonymous tip about an alleged ongoing drug transaction on Monday at

4:15pm.

Tarkong said the detectives investigated Tydingco, Pua, and Rangamar who were in two

separate cars.

Tarkong said during the investigation, one detective saw plastic baggies with a crystal-like substance in plain view inside the black 2014 three-door Hyundai Velostar.

With the suspects' consent, the detectives searched the car and confirmed that the baggies contained crystal-like substances, Tarkong said.

Another police officer arrived at the scene and tested the substance, which was presumptive positive for methamphetamine.

Tarkong said investigation

showed that Pua and Rangamar arrived aboard a black Toyota Corolla car in the parking lot to meet Tydingco, who was in the Hyundai Velostar.

Pua got on the passenger side of the Hyundai Velostar. While Pua and Tydingco were in the Velostar, the detectives arrived and questioned the three.

## EPA planning logistics with BECQ on household hazardous waste cleanup

By **DENNIS B. CHAN**  
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REPORTER

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is teaming up with local environmental regulators in planning the cleanup of household hazardous waste left over in the wake of Typhoon Soudelor.

EPA says that leftover household products that contain corrosive, toxic, ignitable, or reactive ingredients are considered to be household hazardous waste. They can be products like paints, cleaners, oils, batteries, and pesticides that contain

potentially hazardous ingredients that require special care when disposed of.

EPA is planning this cleanup with the Bureau of Environmental and Coastal Quality, or BECQ.

According to EPA public affairs officer Dean Higuchi, they have been updating the office of Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan on their efforts in the CNMI, sharing the status of the tasks they have been assigned to do by the federal government in aiding typhoon recovery.

The Federal Emergency Man-

agement Agency has "mission-assigned" EPA to this cleanup, among others, like the collection and disposal of downed transformers across the island.

"Household hazardous waste collection will likely happen in a number of weeks, after cleanup and rebuilding is well under way on Saipan," EPA said.

"A 40-foot shipping container of supplies, including drums, cubic yard boxes, and other materials to be used in carrying out HHW collection work has just been shipped to Saipan," EPA said.

## USP4GG calls for global day of prayer for peace

The Guam and Saipan chapter of the U.S. Pinoys for Good Governance is calling on all the Filipinos and other citizens to join the group in a Global Day of Prayer for Peace and Victory in the West Philippine Sea.

According to Dr. Celia Lamkin, USP4GG chair for Guam, the CNMI, Hawaii, and American Samoa and founder of the Global Filipino Diaspora Marianas for CNMI and Guam, a Holy mass will be offered for the intention of peace and victory in the West Philippine Sea today, Sept. 2, 2015, at 5:30pm at the San Jose Church on Saipan and at the Saint Anthony Church in Tamuning, Guam, at 7pm.

In January 2014, the Philippines filed a case against China at the United Nations Arbitral Tribunal at The Hague, Netherlands because of its massive claims on the West Philippine Sea where seven artificial islands have been created that are within the 200 nautical miles Exclusive Economic Zone under the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea. The UNAT will soon decide on the arbitration case on the jurisdiction about the case after the Philippines presented its case in July.

"The decision is very crucial because it will have a tremendous and huge impact on the Philippines's territory, marine and other natural resources, national

security, freedom of navigation, national security and the future of the Philippines and the Filipino people and the next generations," said Lamkin. "This will affect not only the Philippines but the whole world because the massive reclamation activities by China resulted in the massive destruction of the ecosystems in the West Philippine Sea, which is considered one of the largest ecosystems in the world.

"Let us also pray for our brothers and sisters who have the courage to live and stay in Kalayaan Islands in Palawan (Spratlys) and those who are living in Bajo de Masinloc in Zambales for their safety, protection and wellbeing. (USP4GG)



### Coral Ocean Golf Resort Job Vacancy Announcement

#### (1) Human Resources Manager

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Bachelor Degree holder or equivalent. At least five years working experienced in Human Resources. Ability to maintain highly confidential nature of human resources work and possess highest degree of integrity and trustworthiness. Knowledge of EEO, FLSA, FMLA, and other applicable regulations. Knowledge of principles and procedure for personnel recruitment, selection, training, compensation and benefits, payroll system, labor relations, negotiations and personnel information system. Knowledgeable in processing various working permits and visas. Computer literate, has analytical and critical thinking skills and ability to influence others and be able to manage changes. Willing to work in flexible shifts, days, evening, weekends and holidays.

#### (1) Golf Operation Manager

Salary Range: \$11.37 to \$14.42  
Bachelor's Degree in Business Management or equivalent. At least five years working experience management level in the capacity of Manager in related operation. Knowledge of principles and processes for providing customer, personal services and interpret financial data like budgets and expense reports, requiring computer skills, mathematics, and basic accounting. Full understanding of licensing responsibilities and environmental health standards. Requires advanced knowledge of agronomy and turf grass management practices; a working knowledge of golf facility construction principles, practices and methods; and a thorough understanding of the rules and strategies of the game of golf. Requires excellent oral and written communication and knowledge in the game of golf. May require current certificate or licensing as pesticide applicator. Must be able to work under the sun, can stand for prolonged period of time and can lift at least 50lbs. Willing to work in flexible shifts, days, evening, weekends and holidays.

#### (2) Accounting Supervisor

Salary Range: \$7.50 to \$9.50  
Have at least 3 to 5 years worked related experience in a Hotel/Golf Course industry or field auditing work. Have knowledge of economic and accounting principles and practices, A/P, A/R, G/L, bank analysis and reporting of financial data. Excellent in mathematical and communication skills. Ability to maintain highly confidential nature of accounting works and possess professionalism with good manners and right conduct. Knowledge in different accounting software application, must know how to operate Peachtree program and must be computer literate. Must be able to work under pressure, and meet deadlines. Willing to work in flexible shifts, days, evening, weekends and holidays.

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Salary Range: \$6.05 to \$7.00  
Bachelor Degree in Accounting or equivalent. Have at least 2 to 4 years accounting work experience in a Hotel/Golf Industry. Have knowledge of economic and accounting principles and practices, A/P, A/R, G/L, bank analysis and reporting of financial data. Excellent in mathematical and communication skills. Ability to maintain highly confidential nature of accounting works and possess professionalism with good manners and right conduct. Knowledge in different accounting software application, must know how to operate Peachtree program and must be computer literate. Must be able to work under pressure, and meet deadlines. Willing to work in flexible shifts, in all weather condition, days, evenings weekends and holidays.

#### Food & Beverage Cashier

(2-Korean Speaking, 2-Chinese Speaking, 2-Japanese Speaking)  
Salary Range: \$6.05 to \$7.00  
High School Diploma or equivalent. At least few months experienced in the related field. Experienced working in a restaurant navigating point of sale system is a plus. Knowledge of principles and processes for providing customer and personal services including handling large group of arrivals in the restaurant. Acquired hospitality related program and speaking additional languages preferred but not required. Computer literate. Excellent interpersonal skills with a positive attitude, a "People Person", professional, neat and well groomed at all times. Must be able to speak and understand English language and fluent in Chinese language. Able to obtain Food Handler Certification. Willing to work in flexible shifts, days, evening, weekends and holidays.

#### (1) Chief Accountant

Salary Range: \$14.42 to \$16.34  
Bachelor's Degree in Accounting or equivalent. At least 5 to 10 years experience in Accounting field of work. Certified Public Accountant is preferred but not required. Oversee the entire financial operation, preparing financial statements, business activity reports, financial position forecast, annual budgets, or reports required by the management. Must possess knowledge and ability in maintaining financial, accounting, administrative and personnel services in order to meet requirements and support for the operation. Experienced in supervising employees performing financial reporting, accounting, billing, collections, payroll, and budgeting duties. Must know how to coordinate and direct financial planning, budgeting,

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#### (1) Room Division Manager

Salary Range: \$11.53 to \$16.34  
Bachelor's Degree in Hospitality or Business Management or equivalent. At least five years working experience management level in an hotel industry. Knowledge of principles and processes for providing customer, personal services and interpret financial data like budgets and expense reports, requiring computer skills, mathematics, and basic accounting. Speaking additional language like Japanese, Chinese and Korean language is an advantage. Knowledge in hotel system Fidelio or Opera is preferred but not required. Experienced handling large group of arrivals. Excellent interpersonal skills with a positive attitude, professional, neat and well groomed at all times. Acquired hospitality related program is an asset. A "People Person". Must be able to stand for a prolonged period of time. Willing to work in flexible shifts, days, evening, weekends and holidays.

#### (1) Night Auditor

Salary Range: \$8.55 to \$10.50  
High School Diploma or equivalent. At least two to three years working experienced, graveyard schedule, night audit in the hotel industry. Excellent customer service skills. Speaking additional language like Japanese, Chinese and Korean language is an advantage. Knowledge in hotel system Fidelio or Opera is preferred but not required. Experienced in supervisory level and handling large group of arrivals. Excellent interpersonal skills with a positive attitude, professional, neat and well groomed at all times. Acquired hospitality related program is an asset but not required. A "People Person", be able to speak additional languages (Japanese, Chinese & Korean Language) is an advantage. Willing to work in flexible shifts, days, evening, weekends and holidays.

#### (2) Lifeguard

Salary Range: \$6.05 to \$7.00  
High School Diploma or equivalent. At least for a few months to a year of related work experienced. First Aide and CPR Certified, swimmer or a certified lifeguard. She/he must be familiar with the safe handling of pool chemicals and the process to clean and sanitize the area. Posses a friendly, good moral character and good communications skills. Fit to work under the sun and willing to work in flexible shifts, in all weather conditions, days, evenings, weekend and holidays. Company may require swimming tests. Willing to work in flexible shifts, days, evening, weekends and holidays.

#### Front Desk Clerk

(2-Korean Speaking, 2-Chinese Speaking, 2-Japanese Speaking)  
Salary Range: \$6.05 to \$7.00  
High School Diploma or equivalent. At least six months to a year of related work experience in the hotel and golf course industry. Knowledge of principles and processes for providing customer and personal services including handling large group of arrivals. Excellent interpersonal skills with a positive attitude, professional, neat and well groomed at all times. Acquired hospitality related program is an asset but not required. A "People Person", be able to speak additional languages is preferred but not required. Physically capable to lift at least 50lbs and have a valid driver's CNMI license. be able to stand for prolonged period of time and must possess a friendly and good manners. Knowledge in the game of golf preferred but not required. Willing to work in flexible shifts, days, evening, weekends and holidays.

#### (1) Housekeeping Assistant Manager

Salary Range: \$11.05 to \$12.50  
High School Diploma, Hospitality related course or equivalent. At least 5 or more years of work experience in the related field. Knowledge of principles and process for providing customer and personal service including handling large group of arrivals, planning, organizing and developing of the overall operation of the housekeeping department in accordance to the federal law and local standards and guidelines along with assuring the highest degree of quality guest care. Possess working knowledge of rooms management system and advanced knowledge of housekeeping process and procedures. Knowledge and ability to supervise, experience performing housekeeping duties, hardworking, leadership ability, keen observation skills, and be detail oriented. Willing to work under pressure with the specified number of rooms or duties assigned in everyday. Computer literate. Be able to stand prolonged period of time and must possess a friendly and good manners. Willing to work in flexible shifts, days, evening, weekends and holidays.

Suwaso Corporation dba Coral Ocean Golf Resort would like to invite all qualified US workers to send their resume/application form to hr.copsn@gmail.com or submit it to Coral Ocean Golf Resort, Human Resources Department not later than September 14, 2015 at 5:00 PM.

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# Tanapag, Salvation Army receive helping hands

The village of Tanapag and the Salvation Army received helping hands last week with contributions of personnel, heavy equipment, and food from hotels and their community partners.

Typhoon debris in Tanapag was collected from households and roadsides on Friday, Aug. 28, and Saturday, Aug. 29, by volunteers from Mariana Resort & Spa, Talabwoog Stars, Micronesia Islands Nature Alliance, and the elected leadership of Precinct 4. Mariana Resort also detailed its bulldozer and

dump truck toward the effort, which compiled the debris in a centralized location in the village for easy removal.

"MINA is happy to be a part of the community cleanup. After Typhoon Soudelor, we spent several days cleaning up at Tanapag Beach Park and Tanapag Middle School, but there was still much to be done around the village," said MINA interim executive director Brooke Nevitt. "Through the hard work and commitment of all involved, Tanapag is a cleaner, healthier, and safer commu-

nity for everyone."

Following Saturday's cleanup, volunteers from Talabwoog Stars and staff from Mariana Resort barbecued food donated by Mariana Resort and served 1,000 meals at Tanapag beach for village residents and volunteers.

The Salvation Army, which continues to serve hot meals in San Antonio to the needy, was aided on Wednesday, Aug. 26, by Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan. In addition to donating food and drinks for the third week in a row, Fiesta general man-

ager Abner Acosta and hotel staff and management lent helping hands to pack meals for distribution.

"The Fiesta team agreed it

was a very rewarding experience to be a part of giving back to the community of Saipan," said Elena Soll, Fiesta Resort public and employees rela-

tions manager.

Acosta said that Fiesta Resort will continue its weekly contributions to the soup kitchen. **(HANMI)**



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Volunteers and staff of the Salvation Army in San Antonio are joined on Aug. 26, 2015, by GM Abner Acosta and staff and management of Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan, which donated food and drinks to the soup kitchen as part of typhoon recovery assistance.



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Heavy equipment and operators assigned by Mariana Resort & Spa help collect debris from Tanapag households and roadsides on Aug. 28, 2015.



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Residents enjoy barbecue lunch served by Mariana Resort & Spa in Tanapag on Aug. 28, 2015, as part of the typhoon relief efforts and to thank volunteers who assisted with village cleanup that day. Serving from left are Albert Pajarillaga, Yuichi Kobayashi, Babes Santos, and Charlene Babauta.



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Mariana Resort & Spa GM Gloria Cavanagh, third from right, leads volunteers of Talabwoog Stars, Micronesia Islands Nature Alliance, the elected leadership of Precinct 4, and staff of the resort in collecting debris from Tanapag households and roadsides on Aug. 28, 2015.



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Volunteers from Talabwoog Stars help prepare 1,000 meals at Tanapag Beach for residents on Aug. 28, 2015. Pictured from left at Frankie Lifofoi, James Phillips, Mak Siten, and Joseph Lifofoi. The meals were donated by Mariana Resort & Spa.

## ABC Stores donate \$10K to Red Cross

ABC Stores donated \$10,000 to the Northern Marianas Islands Chapter of the American Red Cross to aid relief efforts on Saipan. The U.S. Commonwealth of Saipan suffered islandwide devastation by Typhoon Soudelor, consid-

ered the most powerful storm on Earth so far this year. This donation will bring critically needed support to the residents of Saipan.

In addition to ABC Stores' \$10,000 corporate donation, employees in Hawaii, Guam,

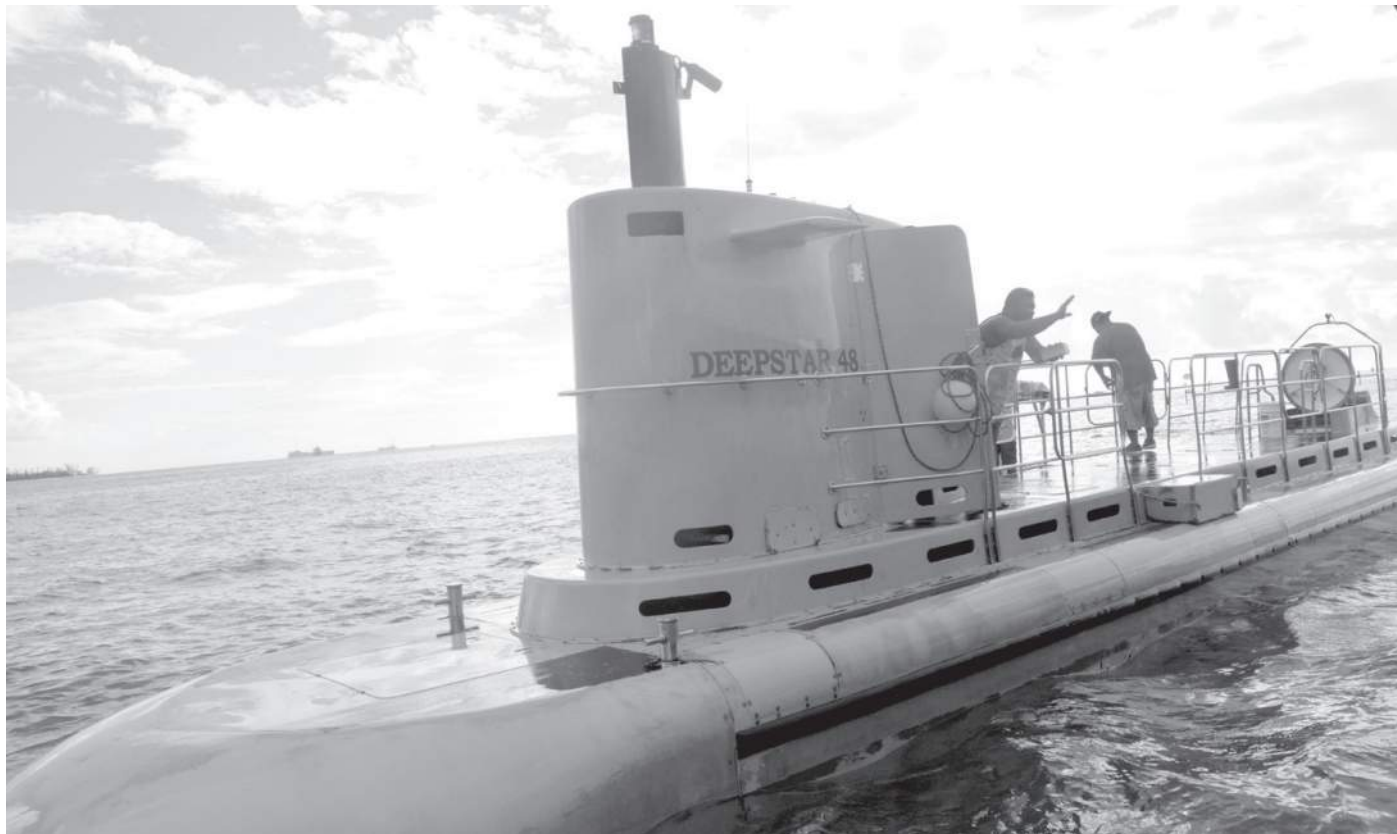
and Las Vegas districts made monetary donations to aid their Saipan associates with food, water, and other living necessities. There are two ABC Stores on Saipan with a total of 20 employees. **(ABC Stores)**



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From left, store manager Raymond Borja, ABC Stores Guam & Saipan district manager Aaron Gandaoi, store manager Jocelyn McCarthy, American Red Cross NMI Chapter executive director John Hirsch, and Red Cross volunteer Larry Lee.

# Saipan's sub finds its way to the cover of int'l magazine



Saipan's tourist submarine *Deepstar* is on the cover of an international magazine dealing with the underwater industry.

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REPORTER

Saipan's very own "yellow submarine" has landed on the cover of an international magazine.

Pacific Subsea Saipan Inc.'s *Deepstar* was featured in the prestigious *Sea Technology* magazine for its July issue.

"We're very proud, we're very happy that *Sea Technology* asked us to be featured," Pacific

Subsea Saipan Inc.'s chief executive officer Jack McClure said. "This particular magazine is a technical journal for people who are in the underwater industry worldwide. Most people who are engaged in that sort of business subscribe to this magazine," he added.

Although the article focused on the technical aspects of the parts of submarine and that the magazine itself is not one to be

read by the ordinary tourist, McClure said Saipan has been enjoying some attention as a result of the feature.

"I have received lots of phone calls and inquiries all over the world regarding the product and regarding what's going on in Saipan," McClure said. "There was a lot of interest in what we were doing here, how it was going."

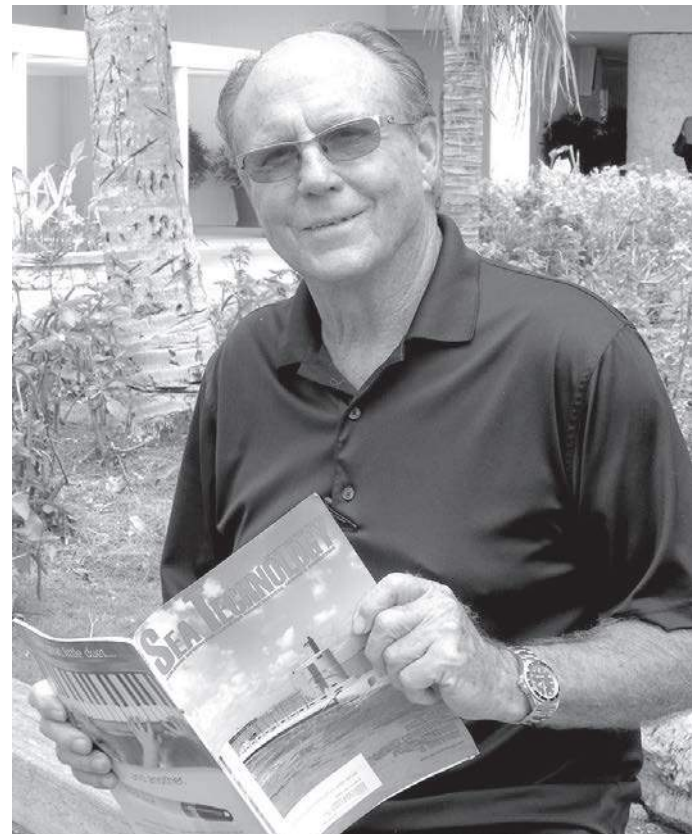
McClure said one of the reasons why they were chosen to be

on the cover is because "Saipan is kind of an exotic place."

According to McClure, they were discovered by the magazine after they ordered new cables from their supplier.

"As a result of our company doing an order with one of the suppliers to manufacture some equipment for the submarine, our story was picked up," McClure said.

"They wanted to write a feature



Pacific Subsea Saipan Inc.'s chief executive officer Jack McClure shows off the *Sea Technology* magazine where their submarine was featured.

in this magazine about that technique that was used to make those particular items," he added.

*Deepstar*, which is one of the very first tourist submarines in world, has been on Saipan since 1991. It is an eco-friendly, fully functioning submersible that uses electricity from batteries to run the thruster motors and propel the submarine.

According to Pacific Subsea,

they are the largest marine tour and second most asked for tour on Saipan. *Deepstar* is able to do eight dives a day with up to 48 passengers each trip.

Pacific Subsea's consistent compliance with the American Bureau of Shipping and U.S. Coast Guard regulations allows it to continue operating for tourism activities and employ over 40 workers on island.

## BECQ warns business owners of illegal pesticides imported, sold

The Bureau of Environmental and Coastal Quality wants to remind business owners that the importation and selling of foreign and/or misbranded pesticides and pesticide devices is illegal. Should misbranded pesticides and pesticides devices be found, they will be confiscated and penalties may be assessed.

Be advised that the BECQ Division of Environmental Quality's Pesticide Management branch is charged with the responsibility to regulate the importation, sale, and distribution

of pesticides, legal or illegal, to ensure public health and a clean and healthy environment. The BECQ DEQ staff regularly inspects business establishments to ensure misbranded products are not on shelves for resale to the community.

Products that may be imported or sold in the CNMI are legal products that are registered with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and must be properly labeled in the English language. The labels must indicate the name of the pesticide in bold

letters, restricted use designation, description of which pests are controlled, chemical name of pesticide, active ingredients and percentages, inert ingredients, EPA registration number, patent numbers, directions for proper use and appropriate signal words such as caution, warning

or danger poison. Misbranded pesticides also refer to products that bear any statement, design, or graphic representation, which is false or misleading.

A pesticide is any substance or mixture of substances intended for preventing, destroying, repelling or mitigating any

pest. Many household products are pesticides and can include kitchen, laundry and bath disinfectants and sanitizers. Products that kill mold and mildew are also considered pesticides.

The CNMI Pesticide Regulations are available to any interested party. Call or visit the

BECQ Division of Environmental Quality Pesticide Management branch at 664-8522, located along Chalan Pale Arnold at the Gualo Rai Center or visit the DEQ website at [www.deq.gov.mp](http://www.deq.gov.mp). Office hours are Monday through Friday, 7:30am to 4:30pm. (*BECQ*)

### COMMUNITY BRIEFS

#### Saipan chamber meeting today

The Saipan Chamber of Commerce will hold its general membership meeting today, Sept. 2, at 11:30am in the Royal Taga Hall of the Saipan World Resort. The main speakers will be Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan; Stephen DeBlasio, FEMA, Federal Coordinating Officer; and William Koontz, U.S. Small Business Administration, public information officer. Guests are welcome at the non-member price of \$30; members pay \$20. (*SCC*)

#### SVES orientation schedule

San Vicente Elementary School will be having a back-to-school orientation to discuss important information for school year 2015-2016. Students may accompany their parents/guardians during the orientation. Teachers will be available in their classrooms to meet with the students and parents/guardians to share expectations set forth for the school year. We encourage all SVS families to attend the scheduled orientation time, as we will be sharing important information regarding our modified school schedule and school policies. Orientation will take place in the school cafeteria.

■ Sept. 9, 2015: Parent/Student Orientation for Grades K-2<sup>nd</sup> at 9am to 10am

■ Sept. 9, 2015: Parent/Student Orientation for Grades 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> at 10am to 11am (*SVES*)

#### TINIAN CASINO GAMING CONTROL COMMISSION Municipality of Tinian and Aguiguan Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands

##### PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to 1 CMC § 9910(a), the Tinian Casino Gaming Control Commission (TCGCC) hereby gives notice that it will hold a Special Meeting on Thursday, September 3, 2015, at 9:00 a.m. at the TCGCC Conference Room.

##### AGENDA

- I. PRELIMINARY**
  - a. Call to Order
  - b. Roll Call
  - c. Adoption of Agenda
- II. PUBLIC COMMENTS<sup>1</sup>**
- III. REPORTS**
  - a. Chair's Report
  - b. Executive Director's Report
- IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**
  - a. Management of Tinian Dynasty Hotel & Casino
- V. NEW BUSINESS**
  1. Licensing Matters
  2. Casino Key/Employee License Applications
  3. Hotel Registrations
  4. Casino Service Industry License Applications
  5. Casino License/Suitability Applications
- VI. EXECUTIVE SESSION<sup>2</sup>**
- VII. MISCELLANEOUS/ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**
- VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

<sup>1</sup>Public comments are limited to 30 minutes and each remark is limited to 3 minutes each. Everyone is welcomed to submit written comments.

<sup>2</sup>Pursuant to 1 CMC § 9912, the Commission may vote to meet in executive session at any time.

#### PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to 1 CMC § 9910(a), the Tinian Municipal Scholarship Board hereby gives notice that there will be a Regular Meeting on Thursday, September 03, 2015 at 3:30 p.m. at the Northern Marianas College, Tinian campus, building B (room E) in San Jose Village, Tinian.

##### AGENDA

- I. PRELIMINARY**
  1. Call to Order
  2. Roll Call
  3. Adoption of Agenda
  4. Adoption of Minutes
- II. PUBLIC COMMENTS<sup>1</sup>**
- III. EXECUTIVE SESSION<sup>2</sup>**
- IV. NEW BUSINESS**
  1. To determine deadline for NMC students due to the delay of fall opening of classes at September 28, 2015.
  2. Review & Approval of Fall 2015 Academic Year 2015-2016 Scholarship Applicants.
- V. MISCELLANEOUS MATTER**
- VI. SCHEDULE OF NEXT BOARD MEETING**
- VII. ADJOURNMENT**

/s/ JULIAN U. HOFSCHEIDER  
Chairman

<sup>1</sup>We ask that remarks be limited to 3 minutes each. Everyone is welcomed to submit written comments on the day of the meeting.

<sup>2</sup>Pursuant to 1 CMC section 9912, the Board may vote to meet in executive session at any time.

<sup>3</sup>Individuals with special needs requiring special accommodations, please contact the TMSB office at least 48 hours prior to schedule meeting for assistance.

#### Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands Commonwealth Judiciary Administrative Office Guma<sup>1</sup> Hustisia, Iimwal Aweewe, House of Justice P.O. Box 502165, Saipan MP 96950 Telephone (670) 236-9715 Facsimile (670) 236-9702

#### Request for Proposals RFP15-JUDICIARY-02

##### COPIER/SCANNER/PRINTER/FACSIMILE MACHINE

The CNMI Judiciary is soliciting sealed proposals for a copier/scanner/printer for the Clerk of Court.

Firms or individuals submitting proposals must be in compliance with applicable local and federal laws and regulations, including minimum wage requirements.

Proposal procedures shall comply with CNMI Procurement Regulations (NMIAC Title 70, Subchapter 30.3).

The proposal package will be available on **August 26, 2015, after 10 a.m.**, at the Cashier's Window, Guma Hustisia, Saipan, or by request faxed to (670) 236-9702 or emailed to [juandiego.tenorio@justice.gov.mp](mailto:juandiego.tenorio@justice.gov.mp).

A **mandatory pre-proposal meeting** will be held on **September 4, 2015**, at the Clerk of Court's office in the Guma Hustisia/Iimwal Aweewe/House of Justice, Susupe, Saipan. Any questions must be submitted in writing via email to [juandiego.tenorio@justice.gov.mp](mailto:juandiego.tenorio@justice.gov.mp) on or before 10 a.m. local time, September 3, 2015. Questions will be answered at the pre-proposal meeting.

Sealed proposals must be marked **RFP15-JUDICIARY-02** and submitted in one (1) original and three (3) copies to the CNMI Judiciary Budget and Finance Director, Guma Hustisia/Iimwal Aweewe/House of Justice, Susupe, Saipan no later than **10 a.m. local time on September 9, 2015**, located at the Cashier's Window.

The CNMI Government reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, or portions thereof, and waive immaterial defects, if to do so would be in the best interest of the CNMI Government. All proposals received shall become the property of the CNMI Government and will not be returned to the proposer.

/s/ Alexandro C. Castro  
Chief Justice

/s/ Michael Villacrusis  
Systems Administrator

/s/ Juan Diego V. Tenorio  
Procurement Officer

# Opinion

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### EDITORIAL

## Don't mess up Social Security

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**V**olatility in the stock market over the last couple of weeks has caused enormous unease among investors big and small. Tens of millions of people with much of their retirement money in the market are worried about seeing a sudden plunge in prices. Many of these people will sell their stock to protect themselves from further losses, which demonstrates the basic problem with making retirement income dependent on an unstable, unpredictable exchange.

The story is that people tend to make bad decisions when they manage their money in the stock market. They are likely to sell at a low point after the market has just taken a big tumble, as has happened in the last two weeks. Then they buy back in during a run-up, paying much more than if they'd just held on to their stock.

It's natural to want to "stop the bleeding," no matter what professionals advise. As a result, people who actively manage their money typically get considerably lower returns than people who just buy and hold their stock. And this is before counting the brokerage fees and other costs associated with trading.

This pattern is important to keep in mind in the context of proposals to privatize Social Security, which may find their way back into political debate, as several Republican presidential candidates seem to think privatization is a good idea. A decade ago, President George W. Bush tried to privatize Social Security, but he abandoned the effort without ever putting a bill before Congress. In Washington, however, no bad idea stays dead for long, so we may have to argue once again over the future of Social Security.

Social Security is supposed to provide core retirement income, money that people who spent a lifetime working can count on with certainty. Just as software engineers design cell-phones and computers to be "idiot proof" because they know many of us will do stupid things with these devices, Social Security is there for us no matter what mistakes we make in our financial planning. If we buy high and sell low, it's a safety net.

In fact, the benefits of Social Security go beyond protecting us from our unforced errors. We know that the stock market has periods of upswings and downturns. If we happen to reach retirement age during a downturn, like the one in 2008-09, we would have much less money to support us in retirement than if we had retired a couple of years earlier or later. By contrast, Social Security benefits are determined by our lifetime earnings. The particular year that we retire will not affect the size of our benefits.

In addition to providing a guaranteed benefit, Social Security also saves workers a huge amount on administrative costs. Bush's Social Security commission estimated that the administrative costs of the private accounts it was proposing would be roughly 10 times as high as the administrative cost of running the Social Security program. That was optimistic. Existing systems of private accounts, like those in Britain and Chile, have administrative costs that are 20 or 30 times as high as those of our Social Security system.

Such inefficiency might actually help to explain the ongoing interest in privatization. The costs of administering a privatized system are income to financial firms. Social Security currently

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SHOOTING, SHOCK, SNOOZE, REPEAT...

## Hawaii sends their Aloha: Sons and daughters of Saipan lead the way

**T**yphoon Souleador's devastating impact on Saipan was felt across the Pacific all the way to the State of Hawaii. Dozens of residents who dwell in the Aloha State with roots and a solid connection to the CNMI and Guam sprung into action. Seeing the photos, going online to witness the damage and talking to family and friends about the destruction made them yearn to find a way to help as soon as possible. Although they were now firmly ensconced in Hawaii, their minds and hearts always remained with their family, friends, and loved ones back home.

Locally on Saipan, Tan Holdings manager and Pacific Century Fellow Ed Arriola's outstanding and noble efforts to transport a container from Guam filled with materials and items that were immediately put to use, especially by those who lost their homes, led to L.J. Duenas, who is the associate director of the American Diabetes Association in Hawaii, to contact Matson Navigation for help and support to launch a similar endeavor from Hawaii. It had to help that Vic Angoco Sr., vice president at Matson, has strong ties to Guam because the shipping company had no qualms in providing a 40-foot container.

Securing the container and firming up other logistical support such as Pacific Transfer to provide the local transportation and the Safeway Stores Pali location to provide the site for the donated items to be collected was only one half of the challenge. In many ways now, the greater challenge was to make sure that the people of Hawaii would respond accordingly and effectively. To ensure a successful grassroots effort amongst the Saipan expats to help push the initiative, groups with family relationships all throughout the Marianas region were activated, such as Tao Tao Marianas in Hawaii, Sons of Saipan, and the Hafadai Club. I invited representatives of a couple of the organizations on one of my radio programs KNDI 1270 AM that has a large Filipino following for an extensive interview, promoted the relief effort heavily on my other radio gig on 107.9 Kool Gold, and wrote about the Saipan relief drive in my "Island Matters" column in the widely read *MidWeek* publication that is delivered weekly to every household and many businesses on Oahu.

To their credit, several individuals all from Saipan jumped into the fray 100 percent. Frances Moses convened a meeting to issue a call for action. From that meeting, Joe Lifofoi and Jay Aldan, from the CNMI Medical Referral Office, former Miss CNMI Universe Belvilyn Fleming, Chris Hendricks, Carina Train, Dion Mesta, Frank Palacios, Lane Santos, and Christina and Benedict Lizama, along with L.J. Duenas all stepped up big time to take on major responsibilities and recruiting other individuals to support this worthy cause. Whatever it took to get the job done, they were committed despite their professional and family responsibilities to

### MARIANAS MATTERS

By MUFI HANNEMANN

Special to the Saipan Tribune

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make all the necessary sacrifices to ensure a successful outcome for their three-day drive. And, of course, the "coconut wireless" network of tons of phone calls and social media inundated with constant messages encouraging and requesting support was operating round the clock. Even Rep. Angel Demapan, who went to college in Hawaii, was Facebooking his friends from Saipan to get involved. In fact, the hardworking legislator may not reside in Honolulu anymore but he still has his network there because he maintains his membership in Tao Tao Marianas in Hawaii.

I was so impressed with the energy and passion that the Saipan expats were exuding that I appealed to the organization that I head, the Hawaii Lodging and Tourism Association, for *kokua* (Hawaiian for "help") and they responded magnificently with linens, pillows, clothing, shoes, toiletries and hygiene items from member businesses like the Waikiki Parc Hotel, Pacific Beach Hotel, Hyatt Park Place, ALSCO, and the University of Hawaii Travel Industry Management School. The Trump International Hotel on Beachwalk in Waikiki made the most spectacular contribution by donating five dozen mattresses! Said general manager Scott Ingwers, "We are humbled to have the opportunity to aid the people of Saipan. ...Our culture here at Trump Waikiki mirrors that of so many of Hawaii's people, who share their Aloha from the heart and whose priority is providing care for others."

In terms of the overall collection, according to Duenas, clothing (both new and used) from infant to adult sizes, nonperishable food items, mosquito coils, bug spray, tents, tarps, water, and some cash donations were also part of the mix. More importantly they were able to fill the 40-foot container, which brought much hugs, elation, and tears of joy as they watched Pacific Transfer haul the giant care package away bound for Saipan. It is expected to arrive on Tuesday Sept. 7, where Empty Vessel, a nonprofit agency that services the poor, will be assisting in the distribution of the items to shelters and those in need.

With the impressive outcome and completion of this herculean task, does this signal the end of their mission to help their brothers

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## A retreat to regroup!

Other than deeply institutionalized fear of Him—a relationship founded on trust rather than fear—I fear nothing for there’s nothing to fear! Indeed, human frailties allow for errors; but need we hone it into a conundrum?

It is said that tourism is the economic mainstay here. Guam has moved into creating an “ideal” place under the sun some 50 years from now. What about the CNMI?

Well, if the future is today then we’re stuck in the filthy mud puddle of exhaustion and disorientation. Here are some heavy indicators: Huge cancellations of visitors of more than 7,000, the domino effect of business slowing down and CUC’s new start before it could recoup expenses. Revenue generation is adversely affected for this fiscal year!

Against the obvious, would retirees still get paid? I mean we can’t even clear more than \$30 million in debts with CUC; how do we clear new obligations?

**Immigration:** There’s federal requirement to replace all non-citizens with citizens by 2019. Is this a realistic target? How does this federal policy help the NMI as it moves to implement planned development projects ahead? Or did we miss the boat on this score once more?

**Tourism:** In other words, there’s the assertion that we need 2,000-3,000 more hotel rooms. It means bringing in about 4,500 foreign workers to meet labor requirements right off the bat. How do we navigate it versus federal mandate that we clear the books four years from now? It doesn’t grant anybody on either side a clear view how this should be navigated.

**Review:** Have we even critically reviewed whether the tourism sector is a plus for the local economy? I mean, since 1968 we’ve been mowed down by what’s known as “coupon” (vertical termination) where everything is bought at home before boarding the plane for the islands. How much has it helped local vendors here or isn’t this conduct of business one of complete alienation of the host?

How many local restaurants do you see in the hotel district? Can MVA ably navigate explanation of this issue beyond quick trumpet-

ing the next occupancy rate? We need to address this concern without critical fiat but more a matter of exploring, in realistic fashion, if the industry is really of help from direct and indirect benefits to local entrepreneurship.

The issue to pull back the reins of our bull has its own merits too. Why build facilities when the local work force can’t meet labor requirements? Whose needs would be met under this scenario, e.g., the NMI or mostly investors? This approach isn’t partnership but a forced agenda we often treat with acquiescence. It doesn’t make sense, does it?

**Unrealistic option:** The replacement of 19,000 foreign workers is difficult. The indigenous folks need to prop up nocturnal activities to come up with 4,750 babies per year by 2019. The alternative may be more realistic transition period of 10-20 years. Those already qualified for citizenship should be accommodated to lessen the burden. It’s the realistic way to address the issue. After all, we need workers!

Delegate Kilili has this issue to discuss with the elected elite here. He should head the group in consultation with the administration. Hope the discussion is fruitful before the eleventh hour takes us into the sunset like Soudelor did a month ago.

**Sleepwalking:** Legislators in charge of health matters can’t sleepwalk nor treat your role as salutary and untethered. There are mounting concerns of the indigenous people sliding into adult onset diabetes and the consequence of poor health habits. Your list should include dealing with the resurgence of methamphetamine, heart ailments, kidney failure, oral cancer, and inability of social and health services to reach out to community folks who really need help.

The foregoing are more the reasons why the CHCC board must be granted the authority to oversee the performance of the CEO. It involves the expenditure of public funds that is more the reason to allow the board to ensure public funds are spent responsibly. The House HEW troops donning the halo of “ke sera” isn’t the way to resolve this issue either. Hence, I will keep a sturdy eye what happens next.

## Saipan Solidarity

After the storm, and the stunned phase, we assessed ourselves ensuring everyone was okay. We looked at each other and our island and realized we had a long road ahead. To compound that, we had no water, no power, no clean clothes, and I was usually dirty and hot. There was so much damage and chaos, homes torn apart, twisted and thrashed trees, downed power poles everywhere. We did not know where to begin. Only doom and gloom it seemed.

Then I remembered a quote whose author eludes me, but it went... “The smallest light shines brightest in the darkest places.”

It was then that I realized Saipan’s Solidarity. Solidly we stood together in the wake of Typhoon Soudelor. We did not lie down. Rather, we stood up, dusted ourselves off, and began cleaning up, helping each other along the way. We stood in line for everything it seemed, but were orderly as any civilized people. Even in the longest gas lines in America since the 1973’s oil embargo, we still made access points for others to cross the gas lines safely. Instead of losing it, we talked story and asked how each was doing. Shook hands, chewed betel nut and stood in line for ice (the legal kind).

Many more are homeless now and much was lost, but we are islanders and Saipan is our home and our fellow islanders our family. “Sharing is caring” is a phrase I learned on Saipan in 1991 as

a Sophomore Dolphin at MHS—when there used to be electricity.

I saw differences disregarded as we suffered together. “Misery loves company,” they say.

No discrimination found and total inclusion of our people with disabilities everywhere, including the shelters.

Saipan Strong became our slogan and tourists are still coming. The young people of Saipan have come out in overwhelming numbers volunteering everywhere I look. Though we still have bad apples, they are few and far between. You know who you are, you copper thief, line cutter, gas siphoner, generator hauler, and regular old burglar. Shame on you, says Gary & Gordon on KKMP, especially now!

ARC and FEMA have been added to our lexicon.

Words alone cannot express the gratitude in my heart for everyone who helped, are helping, and will continue to help repair our broken but proud home.

Now lights are coming back, “Getting better every day,” posts Marianas Eye Institute.

NMPASI is back in business normalcy and attire. Please call our regular numbers, (670) 235-7273 or 4, fax and/or tty at 235-7275, or online at www.nmpasi.org.

A giant thank you to CUC, and all who are assisting from Guam, Palau, Yap, Pohnpei and Chuuk to help until Saipan shines again.

## HAWAII

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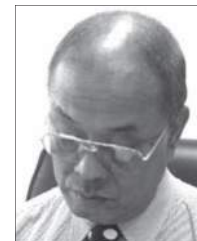
and sisters on Saipan? “Not so,” says Duenas and his cohorts. “We are brainstorming and seeking input on what the next fundraising event should be. In the meantime all we want to do is convey our gratitude and appreciation to the hundreds of individuals and businesses who helped make our relief drive a rousing success.” In other words, they stand ready to continue to help and assist as long as Saipan is in recovery mode.

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I am sure tourism and government officials in the Commonwealth are already strategizing on how to rebuild the economy post-Typhoon Soudelor. Hawaii went through it twice with two hurricanes in 1982 and 1992 that wreaked major havoc on our islands, especially Kauai, and both times we came back quickly as a result of a strategic game plan. I was directly involved with the ’92 natural disaster called Hurricane Iniki, which remains the most powerful hurricane to ever hit Hawaii with winds up to 145 miles

By **JOHN S. DELROSARIO JR.**

Special to the Saipan Tribune

*John DelRosario Jr. is a former publisher of the Saipan Tribune and a former secretary of the Department of Public Lands.*



People responsible for education should probe the failure rate at NMC of local high school students, 90 percent of which had to take remedial courses for failing the exam. I understand the two institutions have started meeting to reconcile the flaws either in the test model NMC uses that doesn’t take into account what PSS implements instruction-wise.

The largest issue is the committee that deals with the local economy. The honeymoon has long faded in your rearview mirror. Now, let’s see how you navigate the treacherous seas of an additional revenue generation loss for the balance of the year. It would be one vicious chase for more pennies, nickels, and dimes. Are you up to the job?

**Hope:** The Saipan Chamber of Commerce has a junior entrepreneurship program of sort comprised of young college grads preparing for active participation in boosting private industries’ role. This is the most innovative program I’ve heard since after WWII. It’s one tough sailing but a darn good beginning, refocusing growth mostly on private industries.

Difficult as it may be in that involves a lengthy process, it’s a good start, conditioning returning scholars that their holy grail is in private industries, not another drone government career. I’m tickled to death by the innovative aspect of the program ably seeing the dire need to boost the private sector expansion.

It’s the only way to spur new revenues for a system that has had bankruptcy as a daily prayer.

By **THOMAS M. THORNBURGH**

Special to the Saipan Tribune

*Thomas M. Thornburgh is the program manager of Northern Marianas Protection & Advocacy Systems Inc.*



Our world famous Beach Road is beautiful again and the pathway is walkable. Thank you MOS, DPW, Park & Recs, and U.S. Marines.

Donations are coming in to Saipan from all points. Former residents who left a piece of them here. Recovery folks need more space for all this aid. Thank you all for your generosity; it will go a long way.

Our job is still not done, but... Solid is our island, solid are our people, and together, we shall overcome!

Now raise your right hand and put it on your left shoulder and tap three times. That’s from me to you. You’re doing a great job, Saipan resident, great job! I, for one, am proud to live alongside the best people on Earth.

## SECURITY

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pays out a bit more than \$700 billion a year in retirement and survivors benefits. If this money came from individual accounts, it would correspond to a stock of assets in the neighborhood of \$14 trillion. And if the administrative costs for managing these accounts were equal to 1 percent of the value of the accounts, which is roughly the case in countries with privatized Social Security systems, it would imply fees of \$140 billion a year. That’s real money.

Panicking over declining stock prices is never a good idea. It’s always best to wait. But that’s cold comfort to anyone planning on retiring today, or next week. That’s why we need a foolproof \_ and market-proof \_ retirement system like Social Security.

*Dean Baker is co-director of the Center for Economics and Policy Research. He is the coauthor of Getting Back to Full Employment: A Better Bargain for Working People. He wrote this for the Los Angeles Times.*

per hour and caused nearly \$2 billion of damage and resulted in half a dozen people dying.

The Hawaii state government led by then-governor John Waihee worked with our State Legislature, State Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism (DBEDT), and our marketing arm at the time, the Hawaii Visitors Bureau, to authorize a special appropriation to fund a special tourism marketing campaign to get the word out that Hawaii was open for business. A special ad campaign was launched and targeted tourism promotional campaigns to our key markets were also set in motion. For example, I went with the governor in my capacity as the director of DBEDT to Japan to appeal to them directly that we needed their help to spur our tourism recovery efforts. The Japanese responded compassionately by continuing to visit the Hawaiian islands.

Getting back on your feet and regaining the momentum prior to a natural or man-made disaster is never easy. But there’s no reason a well-thought-out strategic effort for the Commonwealth with the government, Marianas Visitors Authority, and HANMI working collaboratively in leading the way cannot engender similar results.

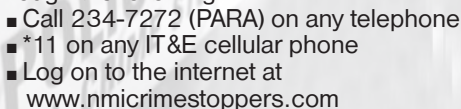
## 5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

## Yesterday's Satellite Image



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# Nation

## In Alaska, Obama depicts stark future without climate action

**ANCHORAGE, Alaska** (AP)—Submerged countries, abandoned cities and floods of refugees await the world barring urgent action on climate change, President Barack Obama warned Monday, painting a doomsday scenario as he

opened a historic visit to Alaska.

In a bid to further his environmental legacy, Obama brought the power of the presidential pulpit to Anchorage and called on other nations to take swift action as negotiations for a global climate treaty near a



President Barack Obama, accompanied by Secretary of State John Kerry, left, gives remarks at the Global Leadership in the Arctic: Cooperation, Innovation, Engagement and Resilience (GLACIER) Conference at Dena'ina Civic and Convention Center in Anchorage, Alaska, Monday, Aug. 31, 2015.

close. His speech to an Arctic climate summit set the tone for a three-day tour of Alaska that will put the state's liquefying glaciers and sinking villages on graphic display.

"On this issue—of all issues—there is such a thing as being too late," Obama said. "And that moment is almost upon us."

During his tour of Alaska, Obama planned to hike a glacier, converse with fishermen and tape a reality TV show with survivalist Bear Grylls—all part of a highly orchestrated White House campaign to illustrate how climate change has dam-

aged Alaska's stunning landscape. The goal at each stop is to create powerful visuals that show real-world effects of climate change and drive home Obama's message that the crisis is already occurring.

Obama has two audiences in mind as he traverses Alaska this week: Alaskans, who are hungry for more energy development to boost the state's sagging oil revenues, and the broader public, whose focus Obama hopes to concentrate on the need for drastic action to combat global warming, including a climate treaty that he hopes will help solidify his environmental legacy.

## Suspect in Houston-area deputy's death had mental evaluation

**HOUSTON** (AP)—The man accused of shooting and killing a suburban Houston officer has a history of mental illness and once lived in a homeless shelter, authorities said Monday.

Harris County Sheriff's Deputy Darren Goforth was ambushed and shot 15 times, Harris County District Attorney Devon Anderson said in a court hearing for Shannon J. Miles, who is charged with capital murder.

Miles, a 30-year-old Houston resident who said little in court, is being held without bond. His criminal history dates back to 2005 and includes an arrest in Austin in 2012 that led to Miles being sent to a state mental hospital for several months.

Anderson would not comment on a motive, saying inves-

tigators were still trying to figure that out. When asked if it might be connected to heightened tensions around the country between law enforcement and civilians, Anderson said, "I have no idea whether it does or not." This week-end, Sheriff Ron Hickman said the attack was "clearly unprovoked," that authorities believe the 47-year-old deputy was targeted because he was in uniform and there is no evidence Goforth knew Miles.

Anthony Osso, one of Miles' two court-appointed attorneys, told The Associated Press that his client intends to plead not guilty. "He had indicated to the investigating officers that he was not involved in the case," Osso said in a telephone interview.

## ACROSS THE NATION

### Supremacist convicted of killing 3 at Kansas Jewish sites

**OLATHE, Kan.** (AP)—The man who admitted killing three people at two suburban Kansas City Jewish sites gave jurors a Nazi salute Monday after they convicted him of murder and other charges for the shootings, which he said would allow him to "die a martyr." It took the jury of seven men and five women just over two hours to find Frazier Glenn Miller Jr. guilty of one count of capital murder, three counts of attempted murder and assault and weapons charges. After the verdict was announced, Miller, 74, of Aurora, Missouri, said: "The fat lady just sang" and he raised his right arm in the Nazi salute. As jurors were filing out of the courtroom later, he told them: "You probably won't sleep tonight." The judge reminded Miller that the same jury will decide his sentence. He could get the death penalty.

### Hometown mourners celebrate life of slain TV cameraman

**ROANOKE, Va.** (AP)—The scene inside a Virginia high school auditorium sounded more like a celebration of life Monday than a visitation after a death as the family of a cameraman who was slain on live TV greeted well over 1,000 mourners at a hometown reception. Adam Ward's father, Charles "Buddy" Ward, exchanged long

hugs with just about anyone he came in contact with at the stage, where the slow-moving line passed his son's open casket. Pop music softly played on the speakers. Salem High School opened its doors to the community to honor Ward, an alumnus. The 27-year-old cameraman for Roanoke television station WDBJ-TV, along with reporter Alison Parker, was gunned down last week by a former co-worker.

### Sex registry questioned after prep school grad's conviction

**CONCORD, N.H.** (AP)—A graduate of an elite prep school who was convicted of having sexual contact with a 15-year-old classmate as part of a game of sexual conquest will be required to register as a sex offender for life, a punishment his lawyer likens to being branded and legal experts and reform advocates say exceeds the crime. Owen Labrie, 19, was convicted Friday following a two-week trial full of lurid details that exposed a practice at St. Paul's School known as Senior Salute, in which graduating students try to have sex with younger classmates. Besides a felony conviction for using a computer to invite the girl to the encounter when he was 18 years old, he was convicted of misdemeanor sexual assault and child endangerment. He faces anywhere from probation to 11 years in prison when he's sentenced in October.

## In Loving Memory

# Merced Tenorio Torres

September 24, 1930 – August 26, 2015

### In her new life, she now joins her:

**Husband** : †Dionicio Camacho Torres  
**Parents** : †Blas P. and †Guadalupe P. Tenorio  
**Parents-in-Law** : †Jose and †Francisca C. Torres

### Her memories will forever live in the hearts of her:

#### Children, Grandchildren, and Great-Grandchildren:

**Norbert**/Regina C. Torres: Nathan/Mio (Nathaniel, Isa, Noah, Natawni, Naelani, Nathalie, Regina); Roxanne Torres/Abraham Quitugua, Jr. (Sean, Aubrey, Aycee); and Noki

**Joseph**/Bonneth Torres: Courtney/Stephen, Joseph Dionicio, and Jonelie

**Guadalupe**/Thomas B. Pangelinan: Alisa Pangelinan/Isaac Aguon (Payton); Tom/Kayla Atalig (Kaiya); Anthony/Carol and children.

**Priscilla**/Edward C. Dela Cruz: Zachary and Mercedes (Elijah)

**Barbara**/Juan M. Sablan: Jerold, Francine, Jadine/Hiroki (Dion, Kira); and Brenna; Benjamin/Charlene Cruz and children; Eddie/Renae Terlaje and children; and Michael/Lorraine Tkel and children.

**Robert**/Linda Torres: Nisho, Niki Rae, Miku

### Siblings and In-Laws:

†Jose/Amparo Tenorio; †Dolores/†Roman M. Benavente; Pedro/Sophia P. Tenorio; Cecilia/†Marcelino DLG. Camacho; Susana/†Jesus P. Mafnas; Juan/Rita V. Tenorio; Ramona/Jesus T. Attao; †Esperanza/†Vicente Babauta; †Ninfa/†Pedro Attao; †Mariano/†Antonia Torres, Leonard/Eula Sablan; †Vicente/Martina D. Camacho.

**Paternal Aunt:** Nan Chong T. Sablan (Pitu)

### She will also be missed by her numerous relatives and godchildren.

Mass of Intentions for the repose of her soul are celebrated daily at the Mount Carmel Cathedral at 6:00 a.m.

Funeral services will be held on Thursday, September 3, 2015.

Her remains will be escorted from the CHCC Morgue at 7:00 a.m. to Mount Carmel Cathedral. Responso Service will follow at 7:30 a.m. followed by the Holy Rosary. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11:00 a.m. followed by Interment Service at Mount Carmel Cemetery where she will be at a peaceful rest with her husband, †Dionicio.

*Thank you for your love, prayers, and support.*

**From the family of the late**  
**†Dionicio Camacho Torres**  
**and †Merced Tenorio Torres**

# World

## UN: Satellite images show Temple of Bel in Syria ‘destroyed’

**DAMASCUS, Syria (AP)**—A satellite image on Monday shows that the main building of the ancient Temple of Bel in the Syrian city of Palmyra has been destroyed, a United Nations agency said. The image was taken a day after a massive explosion was set off near the 2,000-year-old temple in the city occupied by Islamic State militants.

Earlier, Maamoun Abdulkarim, the head of the Antiquities and Museums Department in Damascus, said there was conflicting information about the fate of the temple, one of the most prominent structures in a sprawling Roman-era complex, because eyewitnesses were unable to approach the site.

But Einar Bjorgo, manager of Geneva-based U.N. satellite analysts UNOSAT, said a satellite image taken Monday “unfortunately shows the destruction of the temple’s main building as well as a row of columns in its immediate vicinity.” UNOSAT based its findings after comparing the image with one taken on Aug. 27 which showed the main building and columns still intact.

Bjorgo said the images were important so the U.N. cultural agency UNESCO could have “objective information” about the situation in Palmyra, which UNESCO has designated a world heritage site.

The IS group, which captured Palmyra from forces loyal to President Bashar Assad in May, destroyed the smaller Temple of



This Monday, Aug. 31, 2015 satellite image provided by UNITAR-UNOSAT shows damage to the main building of the ancient Temple of Bel in the Palmyra, Syria.

Baalshamin in the complex last week and posted images of the destruction days later. UNESCO condemned the act as a war crime.

Activists, including a Palmyra resident, said earlier that an Islamic State bombing extensively damaged the 2,000-year-old temple Sunday. The resident described a massive explosion, adding that he saw pictures of the damage but could not get near the site.

An Islamic State operative told The Associated Press over Skype on Monday that militants detonated explosives near the temple, without elaborating on how much of it was damaged. He spoke on condition of ano-

nymity because members of the extremist group are not allowed to speak to journalists.

Residents in Palmyra told the official Syrian state news agency that IS militants destroyed large parts of the temple and booby trapped other parts of it, expressing concern that they plan to destroy the rest soon.

Amr al-Azm, a former Syrian antiquities official who now is a professor at Shawnee State University in Ohio, said he believed a very large amount of explosives was used and the damage to the Temple of Bel was likely extensive.

“This is the most devastating act yet in my opinion. It truly

demonstrates ISIS’s ability to act with impunity and the impotence of the international community to stop them,” al-Azm said, using an alternative acronym for the group.

Abdulkarim said he was waiting for pictures to emerge in the coming days to determine the extent of the damage.

Earlier this month, relatives and witnesses said that IS militants had beheaded Khaled al-Asaad, an 81-year-old antiquities scholar who devoted his life to understanding Palmyra.

The Islamic State group, which has imposed a violent interpretation of Islamic law across its self-declared “ca-

liphate” straddling Syria and Iraq, says such ancient relics promote idolatry.

It already has blown up several sites in neighboring Iraq, and it is also believed to be selling looted antiquities.

The Temple of Bel, dating back to 32 AD, shows a unique



merging of ancient Near Eastern and Greco-Roman architecture. It is dedicated to the Semitic god Bel and is considered one of the most important religious buildings of the first century. The temple consisted of a central shrine within a colonnaded courtyard with a large gateway, within a complex that has other ruins, including an amphitheater and some tombs.

It stood out among the ruins not far from the colonnades of Palmyra, which is affectionately known by Syrians as the “Bride of the Desert.”

### WORLD BRIEFS

#### Grenade explodes during Ukraine clashes; 1 officer killed

**KIEV, Ukraine (AP)**—As lawmakers took up a measure to give greater powers to separatists in eastern Ukraine, nationalist protesters clashed with police outside parliament on Monday, and the Interior Ministry said one officer was killed in a grenade blast and more than 100 were wounded. It was the worst violence in the capital since the government took power in February 2014. The decentralization of power was a condition demanded by Russia for a truce signed in Minsk in February aimed at ending the fighting between Ukrainian government troops and Russia-backed separatists that has left more than 6,800 dead since April 2014. But Ukrainian nationalists strongly oppose changing the constitution, saying that would threaten the country’s sovereignty and independence. In a televised address, Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko called decentralization “a difficult but a logical step toward peace,” and insisted that it would not grant autonomy to the rebels in Donetsk and Luhansk.

Provincial officer Charmaine Mallari said the victims were among 54 people who were traveling Sunday to a remote village in Tarlac province to donate food to poor tribesmen. The hikers were crossing the creek when the current suddenly grew rough and swept away nearly a dozen of them, Mallari said. She said five drowned and one remained missing, while the survivors sustained minor injuries. Another provincial officer, Marvin Guiang, said there was no rain in Tarlac but a downpour in nearby regions may have swelled the creek while the volunteers were crossing it.

#### Gold hunters blocked from site of alleged Nazi gold train

**WARSAW, Poland (AP)**—Polish authorities have blocked off a wooded area near a railroad track after scores of treasure hunters swarmed southwest Poland looking for an alleged Nazi gold train. The city of Walbrzych and its surrounding wooded hills are experiencing a gold rush after two men, a Pole and a German, informed authorities through their lawyers that they have found a Nazi train with armaments and valuables that reportedly went missing in the spring of 1945 while fleeing the Red Army. Inspired by a local legend since World War II, people with metal detectors and ground-penetrating equipment are combing the area and its still-used railway tracks. Some of them have arrived from Germany.

## EU struggles for answers as migrant influx raises tensions

**BRUSSELS (AP)**—French and German leaders reminded other European countries Monday of their shared responsibility toward refugees, as one official blamed harsh government policy for the deaths of dozens of migrants crammed into a truck.

An emergency meeting was called for Sept. 14 on the migrant crisis in which more than 300,000 people have crossed the Mediterranean this year—often those fleeing Syria, Eritrea, Iraq and Afghanistan.

Hundreds have drowned in capsized boats, and 71 people were found locked in the back of a truck on the Budapest-Vienna highway.

“Europe as a whole must move and its states must share the responsibility for refugees seeking asylum,” said Chancellor Angela Merkel of Germany, whose country is expected to see 800,000 asylum applications this year.

“Universal civil rights so far have been closely linked with Europe and its history—it was

one of the founding motives of the European Union,” she said. “If Europe fails on the question of refugees, this close connection with universal civil rights ... will be destroyed and it won’t be the Europe we want.”

French Prime Minister Manuel Valls, announcing plans for a refugee center on the English Channel port of Calais, where thousands of migrants have been gathering trying to make their way to Britain, said firmness must be tempered with humanity.

“The responsibility of us all is to make sure the right to asylum ... is respected everywhere. One cannot avoid it with barbed wire,” Valls said in Calais, where an estimated 3,000 migrants live in a squalid, makeshift camp.

The influx has raised tensions among neighbors, with Greece and Italy accused of failing to stop the migrants from moving farther north. Germany’s decision to allow Syrians to apply for protection there has troubled Hungary, which thinks the move is attracting more people to Europe.

## Mothers, students join Japan’s protests over security bills

**TOKYO (AP)**—Mothers holding their children’s hands stood in the sprinkling rain, some carrying anti-war placards, while students chanted slogans to the beat of a drum against Prime Minister Shinzo Abe and his defense policies.

Japan is seeing new faces join the ranks of protesters typically made up of labor union members and graying leftist activists. Tens of thousands filled the streets outside Tokyo’s parliament on Sunday to rally against security legislation expected to pass in

September.

“No to war legislation!” “Scrap the bills now!” and “Abe, quit!” they chanted in one of the biggest protests in recent memory. The bills would expand Japan’s military role under a reinterpretation of the country’s war-renouncing constitution.

In Japan, where people generally don’t express political views in public, such rallies have largely diminished since often-violent student protests in the 1960s.

The 2011 Fukushima nuclear plant disaster, however, prompt-

ed a spurt of anti-nuclear protests that brought mothers out of their homes. Now at least some seem to be shifting their focus to the security debate.

The demonstrations started earlier this year and grew sharply after July, when Abe’s ruling coalition pushed the legislation through the more powerful lower house despite polls showing a majority of Japanese were opposed.

Whether the protests signal wider social change remains to be seen. The anti-nuclear protests have faded somewhat, and

these could too, once the summer holiday is over and the legislation passes, as expected.

But grass-roots movements among typically apolitical groups such as mothers and students—aided by social media—appear to be growing.

A group called Mothers Against War started in July and gained supporters rapidly via Facebook. It collected nearly 20,000 signatures of people opposed to the legislation which representatives tried unsuccessfully to submit to Abe’s office last Thursday.

# Life & Style

## Rihanna excited to celebrate 10 years in music industry



Singer Rihanna attends the "RiRi by Rihanna" fragrance launch at Macy's on Monday, Aug. 31, 2015, in the borough of Brooklyn, N.Y.

**N**EW YORK (AP)—Rihanna says she's thrilled to have had a decade-long career in music and she plans on celebrating the feat at some point this year.

"Definitely a very big deal for me. You know, I can't believe it's 10 years already, but we definitely have to celebrate this year," the singer said during an interview Monday. "There are a few things I have in mind, so you'll have wait on that, but

don't think I'm forgetting because this means a lot to me that I made it to 10 years."

Rihanna released her debut album, "Music of the Sun," in 2005. The 27-year-old has released seven albums, launched multiple Top 10 hits and won eight Grammy Awards.

This year she's dropped three singles, including the Top 5 hit "FourFiveSeconds," and says she's busy working on her eighth album.

"New album is going really,

really great. We have recorded a lot of songs and I can't wait to finish and put it out. That's my next step," she said.

Rihanna made the comments at Macy's in downtown Brooklyn at the launch of her new fragrance called Ri Ri. Feverish fans screamed inside the packed store, singing her lyrics to past hits and dancing wildly as one of her songs blasted from from speakers.

"I know I made a great decision coming to Brooklyn because Brooklyn fans are on an-

other level," she said. "They are full of energy and they're loud and I like that. They're going to turn up in here today."

The singer said Ri Ri is the first of a new trilogy of fragrances. She's had more than a half dozen other fragrances in the past.

"I intentionally wanted to do something fun, something that made you feel young, flirty, you know, cute," she said with a smile. "It's like a brand new pair of shoes."

## President to take wilderness trip with Bear Grylls

**N**EW YORK (AP)—Survival expert Bear Grylls has bagged his biggest celebrity yet for a walk in the wilderness—President Barack Obama.

NBC and the White House said Monday the president will meet with Grylls during his visit to Alaska to discuss climate change, then spend some time

in the wilderness. NBC said Grylls would give the president a crash course in survival techniques for an episode of his show, "Running Wild," to air later this year.

Grylls has taped previous episodes of his show with the likes of Kate Winslet, Drew Brees, Kate Hudson and Channing Tatum.

"I will not deny your suspicion that there may have been some suggestions put forward by the Bear Grylls team that were not approved by the Secret Service," said White House Press Secretary Josh Earnest. "We have been able to work with the Secret Service to find a couple of interesting things" for the president to par-

ticipate in, he said.

Earnest called it "an admittedly unorthodox but legitimately interesting way for the president to reach an audience that obviously cares about conservation."

Before joining NBC, Grylls starred in the Discovery Channel's "Man vs Wild" series.

## Film based on real-life horror breaks records in Argentina

**B**UENOS AIRES, Argentina (AP)—Arquimedes Puccio seemed to neighbors like a pious, conservative and obsessively tidy man. Several times a day, he'd sweep the sidewalk in front of his home in an upper-class Buenos Aires neighborhood.

Cleanliness was not his only aim. Puccio was making sure that the screams of kidnap victims imprisoned in the basement of his home could not be heard in the street.

That mundane mask over horror is a key theme of "The Clan," a movie based on a true story that rattled Argentine society in the 1980s.

The well-reviewed film,

directed by Argentine Pablo Trapero, has had the most successful launch of any Argentine film. It's headed for film festivals in Venice, Toronto and San Sebastian, followed by release later in Europe and possibly the United States.

Over the course of about three years, members of the family killed at least three people they had kidnapped for ransom. A fourth victim was freed after being held in chains in a basement cell of the Puccio home.

"It's a story I wanted to tell for a long time. I got hooked when I was a kid and the family was arrested," Trapero told The Associated Press. "What I remember most is that the victims

in the house were friends of the (Puccio) family."

The film shows the seemingly normal, church-going family interacting with victims-to-be. One of those killed played in a rugby league with Puccio's son Alejandro.

"The perversion of that family shakes you up," said Javier Solano, a 27-year-old who had just seen the film. "They are sitting at the table eating as if nothing was going on while they have a woman locked in the basement who doesn't stop screaming."

Police investigating the kidnapping of 58-year-old Nelida Bollini finally tracked the family down with the help of

tapped telephones.

Behind a moveable closet in the closet was a small, filthy, windowless room where prisoners were kept chained. The Puccios used fans to blow a breeze over chunks of wet grass to make prisoners believe they were in the country. A can with a piece of wood functioned as a bathroom.

Arquimedes Puccio and his sons Alejandro and Daniel were sentenced to prison, as were a former colonel, a bodyguard and another accomplice.

Alejandro tried to kill himself four times while imprisoned and died of pneumonia shortly after being released from prison in 2007.

## Kanye for 2020? White House welcomes rapper's political bid

**A**BOARD AIR FORCE ONE (AP)—Kanye West for 2020? The White House says it is anticipating the rapper's potential bid for president.

West claimed he would run for president while accepting the Michael Jackson Video Vanguard Award at the 2015 MTV Video Music Awards Sunday.

White House press secretary Josh Earnest says he looks "forward to seeing what slogan (West) chooses to embroider

on his campaign hat." Earnest was traveling to Alaska aboard Air Force One with President Barack Obama.



West

This isn't the first time the outspoken rapper has dabbled in talk of politics. West is noted for criticism of President George W. Bush and the federal government's response after Hurricane Katrina. He has also compared the world's fascination with his wife, Kim Kardashian, to its interest in first lady Michelle Obama.

## Scammers are on dating sites hoping to lure trusting marks

**D**EAR ABBY: I was recently the target of a romance scam on a popular singles website. After being a divorcee for 15 years, I decided to try online dating. Minutes after I went online, someone asked to chat.

He said he was a widower with an adult daughter and a jeweler by trade, living near me but returning to Florida the next day with ultimate plans to relocate to my area. He mentioned he was originally from Germany and had an accent. We chatted on Google Hangouts, and he sent me sweet emails every morning saying how much he loved meeting me and that it was "our time to have a second chance."

After three weeks of chatting but only a short, garbled phone conversation, he asked for a favor. He was attending a jewelry show and needed me to send his diamond supplier money to pay for a shipment. He made it sound urgent and gave me a name and address in Ghana where he could get the best quality diamonds at the best price.

All along I had kept my guard up, but his request confirmed for me that it was a scam. When I Googled the Ghana name and address, it came back "Ghana Scammer." Abby, these people even provided photos of the person they pretended to be, along with a cellphone and address that actually were under the name of the person they were impersonating.

A couple of telltale signs people should be aware of: First, if you don't talk to them or their cellphone seems to have a very bad connection, it's likely they aren't in the country. Second: If you can't meet in person, it's likely they're pretending to be someone else.

He told me that his email had been hacked, and then someone tried to have a conversation from his email asking me personal questions about my retirement funds.

Please help me warn others about these types of scams.

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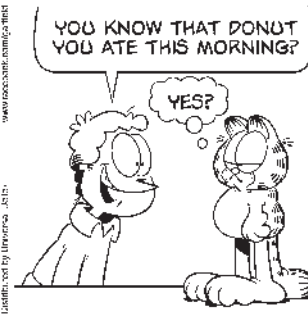
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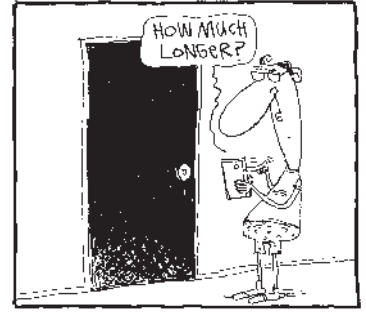


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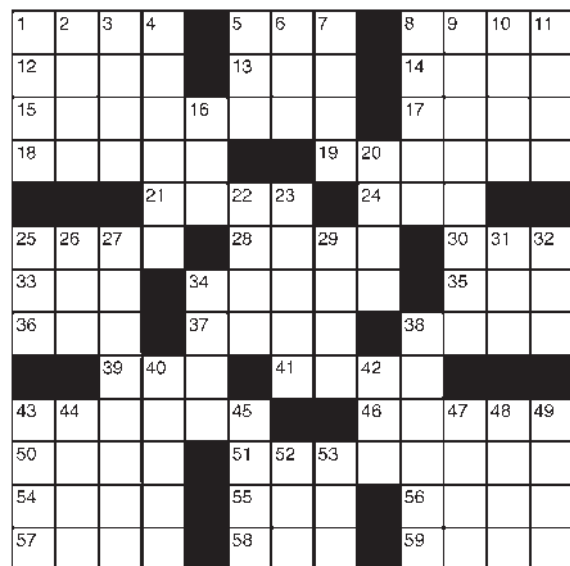
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- 1 Crease  
5 Prosciutto, e.g.  
8 Get bigger  
12 Petri dish stuff  
13 G8 member  
14 Hayseed  
15 Ignorant  
17 On  
18 Mount Rushmore face  
19 Potpourri pouch  
21 Paraphernalia  
24 12-Across, e.g.  
25 Wee bit  
28 Inlet  
30 Computer key  
33 Luau bowlful  
34 Done  
35 Knight's address  
36 Drone  
37 Antelope's playmate
- DOWN**
- 38 Catch sight of  
39 Early bird?  
41 Do what I say  
43 Billfold  
46 Gun the engine  
50 Neighbor-hood  
51 Bald  
54 Platter  
55 Einstein's birth-place  
56 Enrages  
57 Facility  
58 Petrol  
59 Pub missile  
3 Praise to the skies  
4 Coat with flour  
5 This and 32-Down are a big fuss  
6 Donkey  
7 Church service  
8 Dinner-time  
9 Cruel  
10 Reed instrument  
11 Sobbed  
16 Caustic solution  
20 On in years  
22 Teen's woe  
23 Wild West show  
25 Speedometer stat  
26 Debtor's letters  
27 Eternal  
29 Trick or treat?  
31 Try the tea  
32 5-Down's partner  
34 Advance  
38 Pupil's cover  
40 Candied  
42 Mess up  
43 Test the waters  
44 Met melody  
45 Hoodlum  
47 Actress  
48 Addict  
49 "Hey, you!"  
52 Carte lead-in  
53 They're faster than emails

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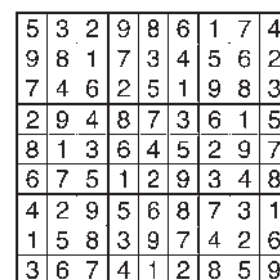
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# Williams into US Open 2nd round when injured opponent stops



**NEW YORK** (AP)—Even before Serena Williams set foot in Arthur Ashe Sta-

dium on Monday night, her path through the U.S. Open to complete a true Grand Slam became a lot easier thanks to losses by other top women.

And when it was the No. 1-seeded American's turn to play her first-round match, she was not tested one bit by a woman who appeared overwhelmed by the opponent, the occasion and, to make matters worse, an injured left foot.

So Williams moved a step closer to tennis' first calendar-year Grand Slam since 1988 without much of a workout, reaching the second round when 86th-ranked Vitalia Diatchenko of Russia stopped playing while behind 6-0, 2-0. Williams was out there for only 27 minutes and took 32 of the 37 points that were played.

"It was definitely different and bizarre," Williams said. "But at the same time, I was still focused. I kept thinking: Just stay focused; don't lose it. You never know what can happen."

The 33-year-old American told the crowd she appreciates the support she is receiving "on this journey and this milestone that I'm trying to take one match at a time."

Diatchenko, who wore a walking boot to her news conference, said she hurt herself running sprints before the match and that she felt "sharp pain" chasing a backhand during a point. When she was drawn to face Williams, Diatchenko was happy to finally get a chance to meet a player she grew up admiring, but the experience turned out to be "terrible."

"So painful, every step," Diatchenko said.

Next up for Williams is Kiki Bertens



U.S. Open defending champion Serena Williams, left, consoles opponent Vitalia Diatchenko of Russia after Diatchenko stopped playing because of an injury during her first round match against Williams at the U.S. Open Tennis tournament in New York, Monday, Aug. 31, 2015.

of the Netherlands, who is ranked 110th, only once made it as far as the fourth round at a major, and picked up just the second U.S. Open match victory of her career by eliminating Mirjana Lucic-Baroni 3-6, 6-4, 6-2 Monday. Bertens and Williams have never played each other.

Williams is 22-0 in Grand Slam matches in 2015, with championships at the Australian Open in January, the French Open in June, and Wimbledon in July. If she adds the title at Flushing

Meadows, she would be the first player since Steffi Graf 27 years ago to win all four Grand Slam tournaments in a season.

Williams also can equal Graf's professional-era record of 22 Grand Slam singles titles—Margaret Court is the all-time leader with 24—and can become the first woman since Chris Evert in the 1970s to win four consecutive U.S. Opens.

As good as Williams has been, it doesn't hurt to face less-challenging

opposition, and several who might have offered a test are gone. On her half of the draw, four top-10 seeds were gone by the end of Day 1: No. 3 Maria Sharapova pulled out Sunday with an injured right leg, and No. 7 Ana Ivanovic, No. 8 Karolina Pliskova and No. 10 Carla Suarez Navarro lost Monday.

Three other seeded women in Williams' side of the bracket departed. No. 29 Sloane Stephens, who beat Williams at the 2013 Australian Open and was a potential third-round opponent in

New York, lost to CoCo Vandeweghe 6-4, 6-3. No. 30 Svetlana Kuznetsova, a two-time major champion, and No. 21 Jelena Jankovic, who lost to Williams in the 2008 U.S. Open final, were beaten, too.

"I'm not a person that usually looks at the draws," Williams said. "I just take it as it comes and as it goes."

If Williams defeats Bertens, she would face the winner of an all-U.S. matchup between Wimbledon quarterfinalist Vandeweghe—whose uncle Kiki is a former NBA player and now a league executive—and wild-card entry Bethanie Mattek-Sands.

"I don't look ahead. I just look at the next opponent," Vandeweghe said when asked about a possible showdown against Williams. "If you don't get by your next opponent, you have no chance of making a third round."

The only real surprise in men's action was 2014 runner-up Kei Nishikori's 6-4, 3-6, 4-6, 7-6 (6), 6-4 loss to Benoit Paire, who never before had beaten someone ranked in the top five.

It's the first time since 1999 that a man who played in the previous year's U.S. Open final exited in the first round.

The fourth-seeded Nishikori withdrew from a hard-court tournament at Cincinnati in August, citing a hip injury, but said Monday he felt OK physically. Still, he wilted in the 3-hour, 14-minute match on a muggy day when the temperature topped 90 degrees.

The man who beat Nishikori for last year's U.S. Open title, Marin Cilic, won in straight sets, as did No. 1 Novak Djokovic. Two-time U.S. Open champion Rafael Nadal, who missed last year's tournament with a right wrist injury, beat 18-year-old Borna Coric 6-3, 6-2, 4-6, 6-4 in Monday's last match.

"Very happy to be back," Nadal said, "and to be through."

## Dodgers beat Giants 5-4 in 14 innings on Gonzalez's single



**LOS ANGELES** (AP)—Adrian Gonzalez singled in the winning run

with the bases loaded in the 14th inning, lifting the Los Angeles Dodgers to a 5-4 victory over the San Francisco Giants on Monday night in the opener of a series between the NL West's top two teams.

The first-place Dodgers' lead increased to 4 1/2 games over their second-place rivals after the longest game by innings for both teams this season.

Giants reliever Mike Broadway (0-1) started his first inning of relief by walking A.J. Ellis and then gave up consecutive singles to Jimmy Rollins and Chase Utley to load the bases. Giants reliever Yusmeiro Petit came on and Gonzalez hit his first pitch to deep left field, ending the 5-hour, 29-minute game.

### Athletics 11, Angels 5

In Oakland, Calif., Mark Canha hit a three-run homer and Jake Smolinski's three-run double highlighted a decisive third inning for Oakland on another quirky night at the Coliseum when part of the outfield wall fell down and delayed the game.

Danny Valencia added a two-run double in the third and another RBI double in the fifth to back Felix Doubront (2-1) in his first win for Oakland.

A piece of the outfield wall came loose after Los Angeles left fielder Shane Victorino crashed into it trying to chase

down Valencia's double in the fifth, causing a 10-minute delay as players briefly returned to their dugouts.

### Red Sox 4, Yankees 3

In Boston, David Ortiz hit his 495th home run and Jackie Bradley Jr. had three hits and threw out a runner at the plate to lift Boston.

Mookie Betts hit a two-run homer for the Red Sox. It was their ninth win in 13 games.

Didi Gregorius had four singles for New York, which had scored 20 runs on Sunday to complete a three-game sweep over Atlanta. He flied out to the warning track with the bases loaded and two outs in the top of the ninth.

### Astros 8, Mariners 3

In Houston, Dallas Keuchel allowed one run and struck out eight in seven innings to become the American League's first 16-game winner and lead Houston to a win over Seattle.

Rookie Carlos Correa, who returned after missing four games with a hamstring injury, hit a two-run homer and Jed Lowrie and Hank Conger added solo shots to help the AL West-leading Astros to the victory.

### Rays 6, Orioles 3

In Baltimore, Chris Archer pitched six shutout innings, and Tampa Bay hit three home runs in a victory over fading Baltimore.

Asdrubal Cabrera and Evan Longo-

ria connected off Wei-Yin Chen (8-7), and Tim Beckham added a solo shot against Brad Brach. Logan Forsythe had three hits for the Rays, coming within a home run of the cycle.

Archer (12-10) gave up four hits, walked three and struck out six to earn his first win against Baltimore in seven starts since June 7, 2013. The right-hander finished the month with 50 strikeouts, tying the club record for August held by Scott Kazmir (2007).

### Indians 4, Blue Jays 2

In Toronto, Jerry Sands singled home the go-ahead run in the seventh inning, Danny Salazar struck out 10 and Cleveland won its sixth straight game, beating Toronto.

Salazar (12-7) allowed two runs and six hits in seven innings. He reached double digits in strikeouts for the fifth time this season and the first time since fanning 10 against Baltimore on June 6.

Bryan Shaw got two outs in the eighth and Cody Allen finished for his 28th save.

### Marlins 4, Braves 0

In Atlanta, Martin Prado and Justin Bour each had an RBI double in the eighth inning and Miami extended Shelby Miller's winless streak to 19 starts with a victory over Atlanta.

Miller, an All-Star with a sparkling 2.56 ERA, began the night with the worst support in the majors, and the Braves, losers in six straight and 13 of

14, stayed true to form.

Beginning the night with the worst average (.227) in the NL with runners in scoring position since the All-Star break, Atlanta has scored two runs or less in 20 of Miller's 27 starts.

### Mets 3, Phillies 1

In New York, Bartolo Colon breezed through eight snappy innings and New York got homers from Curtis Granderson and Michael Conforto, extending its dominant run against Philadelphia.

After throwing seven shutout innings last Wednesday at Philadelphia during New York's four-game sweep, the 42-year-old Colon (12-11) was one better this time. He struck out nine, walked one and yielded four harmless singles, pushing his scoreless streak to 16 innings.

### Padres 7, Rangers 0

In San Diego, Tyson Ross held Texas to three hits in seven innings and hit an RBI single, and San Diego handed Texas just its third loss in 10 games.

The Rangers dropped four games behind first-place Houston in the AL West and remained in the second AL wild-card spot.

The dominating performance by Ross (10-9) allowed him to reach double digits in victories for the second straight season. He struck out seven and walked two in his second victory over Texas this season, the other one coming on July 12. It was his fourth

win in five decisions.

### Reds 13, Cubs 6

In Chicago, Eugenio Suarez and Adam Duvall hit two-run homers in a four-run sixth inning and Cincinnati took advantage of two late Chicago errors.

Duvall, who was called up from Triple-A earlier Monday, snapped a 5-5 tie with his pinch-hit homer off Cubs reliever Justin Grimm (2-4), who surrendered all four runs in one-third of an inning. Grimm started the inning by walking Ivan DeJesus Jr. and then gave up the home run to Suarez that tied it.

### Rockies 5, Diamondbacks 4

In Denver, Ben Paulsen hit a two-out, two-run single and Colorado rallied for four runs in the bottom of the ninth to beat Arizona.

Charlie Blackmon had three hits and finished a home run short of the cycle for the Rockies, who snapped a three-game home losing streak.

### Cardinals 8, Nationals 5

In St. Louis, Jason Heyward hit a two-run, tie-breaking double in the seventh inning to key a five-run rally, and St. Louis beat Washington.

St. Louis won for the eighth time in nine games and moved five games ahead of the idle Pittsburgh Pirates in the NL Central.

Washington, which had won six of its previous eight, fell 6 1/2 games behind the New York Mets in the NL East. New York beat Philadelphia 3-1 on Monday.

# No settlement: Goodell, Brady await 'Deflategate' ruling



NEW YORK (AP) — NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell and New England Patriots quarter-

back Tom Brady attended last-minute settlement talks between the NFL and its players union Monday before a judge announced he would decide the dispute over deflated footballs with a ruling in a day or two.

Everyone involved "tried quite hard" to reach a deal in the controversy that has hung over professional football since New England easily won the AFC title game in January, U.S. District Judge Richard Berman said in federal court in Manhattan.

However, Berman said: "We did not reach a settlement. ... In some cases, it doesn't happen and this is one of those cases."

Absent a compromise, Berman will have to either affirm or throw out Goodell's decision in July to uphold a four-game suspension of Brady. The NFL concluded the quarterback colluded with two Patriots ball handlers to deflate footballs to gain an edge in a 45-7 victory over the Colts. The NFL Players Association has accused the league of handling the discipline unfairly for Brady, who has denied any role in the scandal nicknamed "Deflategate."

Speaking at a hearing that lasted less than five minutes, Berman noted that senior executives from the league and the players union who had not attended several previous settlement talks joined more



New England Patriots quarterback Tom Brady leaves federal court Monday, Aug. 31, 2015 in New York.

than an hour of negotiations Monday morning.

Giants president and co-owner John Mara took part, as did free agent kicker Jay Feely, Berman said. Feely is a member of the union's executive committee and Mara is chairman of the NFL's executive committee that oversees labor matters.

"For us it reinforces the desire and the need for an independent arbitrator in these

matters of personal conduct," Feely said outside court. "But we understand Tom's position and I think the process will work itself out."

Berman said he's putting the final touches on his decision.

"It won't be today, but hopefully tomorrow or the day after," he said of a written ruling. Berman said previously that he hoped to rule by Friday, giving the Patriots enough

time to prepare for their Sept. 10 season opener against the Pittsburgh Steelers.

Berman had ordered Goodell and Brady to attend Monday's hearing. Both arrived 90 minutes early to participate in talks in the judge's robing room. Neither spoke inside or outside court.

Berman has said a settlement would be "rational and logical" but also cited weaknesses in

the way the NFL handling of the controversy. The judge has also suggested that the league's finding was too vague, that Brady was generally aware that game balls were being deflated.

At a court hearing this month, Berman told the NFL there was precedent for judges to toss out penalties issued by arbitrators.

On Monday, courtroom art-

ist Jane Rosenberg returned to court after taking heat on social networks for a sketch that critics said made Brady look like an aging cartoon villain.

Outside court afterward, she smiled as she posed with a new drawing that put Brady in a more flattering light, perhaps capturing the more relaxed demeanor he displayed in court during his second trip there.

## Castro is FilTaga August ace

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Greg Castro became the FilTaga August Ace of the Month held last Aug. 23 at the Coral Ocean Point golf course.

Castro, who has a 10 handicap, shot a 41 and 42 at the front and back to finish second behind Paul Bea, the April Ace.

Bea, for topping the August Ace, still got the cash prize as he already qualified in the club's yearend tournament.

Castro finished with a net score of 73 to finish two strokes behind Bea's 71 (52 and 49, 30 handicap).

Vic Roman (January), Jhun Ortiz (February), Ernie Lopez (March), Bea (April), Larry Pascual (May), William Retardo (June), and July co-Aces Freddie Cataluna (A) and Ruben Avendano (B) are in the club finals to be held in January 2016.

Dan Ganacias came in third

with scores of 44 and 43 for an 87 gross and with a 13 handicap earning him a 74 net.

Rene Batallones, with an eight handicap, submitted 44 and 39 for an 83 gross and a 75 net, while Pascual shot a 46 and 45 at the front and back for a 91 giving the 12-handicapper a 79.

John Matsumoto and Nestor Siruelo finished tied for sixth to seventh places with a final score of 92.

Matsumoto, who has a 21 handicap, fired 57 and 56 for 113 while Siruelo had scores of 57 and 55 for 112 but has a 20 handicap for that 92.

Bea is the par-3 nearest to the pin winner at hole No. 7, while Ganacias and Matsumoto duplicating the feat at holes No. 12 and 14. Nobody won in No. 3.

FilTaga's September Ace will be held on Sept. 20, Sunday, at the Laolao Bay Golf Resort's west course. Tee off time is at 12:30pm.



## TRIBUNE SPORTS SCORES

### MLB STANDINGS

#### AMERICAN LEAGUE

##### East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Toronto	74	57	.565	—
New York	72	58	.554	1½
Tampa Bay	65	66	.496	9
Baltimore	63	68	.481	11
Boston	61	70	.466	13

##### Central Division

Kansas City	80	50	.615	—
Minnesota	67	63	.515	13
Cleveland	64	66	.492	16
Chicago	61	68	.473	18½
Detroit	60	70	.462	20

##### West Division

Houston	73	59	.553	—
Texas	68	62	.523	4
Los Angeles	65	66	.496	7½
Seattle	61	71	.462	12
Oakland	58	74	.439	15

#### NATIONAL LEAGUE

##### East Division

New York	73	58	.557	—
Washington	66	64	.508	6½
Atlanta	54	77	.412	19
Miami	53	79	.402	20½
Philadelphia	52	80	.394	21½

##### Central Division

St. Louis	85	46	.649	—
Pittsburgh	79	50	.612	5
Chicago	74	56	.569	10½
Milwaukee	55	75	.423	29½
Cincinnati	54	76	.415	30½

##### West Division

Los Angeles	73	57	.562	—
San Francisco	69	62	.527	4½
San Diego	64	67	.489	9½
Arizona	63	68	.481	10½
Colorado	53	76	.411	19½

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format," Gross said.

Student-athletes and the public may not be able to use the MHS Gym as portions of its roof were blown off, according to MHS principal Cheryl Cabrera. She added that insulation on the roof also sustained damage, while the synthetic rubber floor is starting to have bubbles because of the rainwater that flowed down the "open" gym.

"The equipment inside the gym is also beginning to rust.

There is really a need for a big repair work to get the gym back to its normal operation," Cabrera said in a telephone interview with *Saipan Tribune* yesterday.

The MHS principal, however, said there is no timeline yet for the repair works at the gym.

"Right now we are in the process of making the assessment on the extent of the damage. Engineers and electricians will come in too, to check the damage and help us in preparing the report that we will be submitting to proper authorities," Cabrera said.

Cabrera said they are coordi-

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Malaysian Jolene Kam.

Koschke said Porman, who was recruited out of Mesa Community College of Arizona, brings in two years of high-level collegiate golf experience.

"And that fills in from like a Julie Sanchez, who already graduated and has brought a lot to the team," Koschke added.

Ewing, who also played volleyball at Pueblo West High School, was named a member of the All-State team in her junior season where she also finished fourth in the state tournament.

Goodman, on the other hand, was named the Colorado Springs Metro League Freshman of the Year in 2011 and earned All-Conference honors in 2012 to qualify for the state tournament.

"Courtney is a very good high school player and has a well-rounded game. Tori is from Peyton High School up in Colorado Springs. They both grew up with the game," said Koschke.

"Courtney also played volleyball while Tori basketball. So they come from a sports background. They know the team aspect and they know how to play hard," he added.

nating with the Public School System Capital Improvement Project and FEMA to address the needed repair works at the MHS gym, which does not only host sports competitions, but also houses school and community activities on Saipan. The \$2.4-million facility was completed in 2001 through the partnership of the PSS, Department of Public Works, Philippine Goods, Inc., and the Efrain F. Camacho Architects and Engineers. It has three classrooms, three physical fitness workout areas, one weightlifting room, lockers rooms, and showers.

Kam graduated from the Australian International School in Jakarta, Indonesia and was the 2014 BMW Golf Cup champion where she represented Indonesia in the BMW World Final.

"Kam is a really good talent. Just a little girl and we have to get her stronger at the weight room. And if we do, she can hit with a lot more distance and she can be tough to beat," said Koschke.

"A lot of young talent, we're going to be very good but we're also going to be a young team. And we're going to play with three freshmen and we're going to live and die with them. If they play good, we play good."

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tied for the lead with identical 2-0 marks.

It was déjà vu for Oh My J when it took a double-digit spread against Eh Di Wow, 45-35, only to be threatened in the last three minutes of the match. Eh Di Wow went for a quick 5-0 run off back-to-back layups from Lerio Pagarao and Allen Reyes and a split from the former to stay in contention.

Eh Di Wow had a chance to move closer after a botched offensive set from Oh My J, however an errant pass from Neil Espinosa returned possession to Junar Guiab and company. The Oh My J captain then scored on a drive against Pagarao, who later tried to make a touchdown pass to Reyes, but the heave was way too high and the ball went out of the baseline.

Oh My J converted another shot off Eh Di Wow's miscue with Mark Asuhan making a layup and giving the former a 49-40 advantage, down to the last minute of the game. Oh My J then regained the double-digit spread, 51-40, off Ferdie Tobias' pair of free throws, while Jerome Reyes scored 5 straight points for Eh Di Wow to peg

the final score.

Guiab and Nate Mateo top-scored for Oh My J with 13 points each, while Asuhan chipped in 12. Tobias and Galulu completed Oh My J's box score, adding 7 and 6, respectively. Pagarao was the lone double-figure scorer for Eh Di Wow with his 16 markers.

Meanwhile, Makalaro Lang goes for the solo lead today when it takes on Kidlat at 5:30pm. There is also only one game this Friday with Red Rice (0-2) battling fellow winless squad Eh Di Wow. The two-game schedule will resume this Saturday and Sunday. Hard Kulangot will meet Pasion De Amor in the opener this Saturday at 4pm, while Purple Rain duels Oh My J in the second match. On Sunday, the pairings are Wag Kang Pabebe versus Eh Di Wow and Hard Kulangot against Red Rice.

**Oh My J 51** — Guiab 13, Mateo 13, Asuhan 12, Tobias 7, Galulu 6.

**Eh Di Wow 45** — Pagarao 16, Itaas 8, J. Reyes 5, Santos 4, Cortes 4, Corpuz 4, A. Reyes 2, Espinosa 2.

**Scoring by quarters:** 23-15, 51-45.

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# MISO tournaments on hold

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**M**arianas Interscholastic Sports Organization's tournaments for the 2015-2016 school year are on hold due to the significant damage sustained by the Marianas High School Gymnasium from Typhoon Soudelor.

"I can say that the facility (gym) will be off-limits throughout the remainder of the school year to both students and the public due to safety issues. In regards to MISO activities this school year, we are currently holding off all programs until further notice," MISO executive director of operations

Nick Gross told *Saipan Tribune*.

MISO usually kicks off the boys volleyball league and girls basketball league this month, while the boys basketball and girls volleyball competitions are originally scheduled to start in January.



However, with the unavailability of the MHS Gym, volleyball and basketball games may be shelved this year, while the fate of other school competitions hangs in the balance.

"Our current concern is to put all resources toward getting the school year started and assisting the community in our struggle to rebound from the destruction caused by the typhoon. We are hopeful that we will be able to piece together a sports calendar for some of the school year, but we are currently unable to provide a timeline of events to be held and the season/tournament

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## Oh My J gets first win

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Oh My J avoided a second heart-breaker after eking out a 51-46 win over Eh Di Wow in their game in the 2015 Blue Haus/IT&E Inter-Color Basketball League last Sunday at the Navy Hill court.

Oh My J, which wasted a 10-point lead en route to dropping its opener against

Hard Kulangot last Saturday, this time played steady in the closing minutes of its match opposite Eh Di Wow to make it to the win column. With its 1-1 record, Oh My J is now in a five-way logjam for second to sixth place in the team standings with Hard Kulangot, Purple Rain, Kidlat, and Wag Kang Pabebe. Eh Di Wow is at the bottom of the field with its 0-2 slate, while Makalaro Lang and Pasion De Amor are

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Eh Di Wow's Leo Itaas slips past the defense of Oh My J's Ferdie Tobias, left, but rams into burly forward Ronald Hilario during the second half of their game in the Blue Haus-IT&E caging last Sunday at the Navy Hill court.

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## Leina to lead young Lady ThunderWolves

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Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference individual champion Leina Kim will lead a young team when the Colorado State University-Pueblo Lady ThunderWolves open their season next week at the Walking Stick Golf Course.

The Lady Thunderwolves, who finished runner-up to Metropolitan State University of Denver last season, kick off the fall event in the 2nd Annual Farmers Insurance Samuel Proal Invitational on Sept. 7 and 8 at the Steel City.

CSU-Pueblo women's golf head coach Josh Koschke, in an interview uploaded on the Lady ThunderWolves golf website, said Kim will either help the team's campaign as a player or a coach.

"We're still awaiting word if she [Leina] will get another

year, for her fifth year. So we're kind of waiting and we have a tournament in seven days. So Leina will be a player or an assistant coach and help us," said Koschke on the Saipan native golfer who will graduate in the



spring of 2016.

Kim is a senior while San An-

tonio, Texas-born Natasha Navarro is a junior. The newcomers on the team are junior Jacquelyn Porman, and freshmen Courtney Ewing, Tori Goodman, and

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